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HEALTH CENTRES SHELVED

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SIX health centres due to be built in Sandwell have been put on hold and another one scrapped entirely because of a shortage of funds.

Sandwell Primary Care Trust (PCT) has deferred projects for Carters Green and Hill Top in West Bromwich, for Stone Cross in West Bromwich and for Cradley Heath, Dudley Port, Great Barr and Friar Park in Wednesbury.

Health chiefs have also entirely scrapped plans for a health centre in Smethwick town centre. They now say the proposed Grove Lane hospital, Victoria Health Centre and Birmingham Treatment Centre will be enough to serve the town.

James Green, director of finance at Sandwell PCT said: "In 2010/11 we recognised that the financial climate was changing and as such we reviewed all of our planned premises developments to see which areas we should prioritise.

"In the last 12 months we have continued to invest in six schemes across the borough and have already seen the opening of two new buildings in Tipton and Hamstead.

"Unfortunately several further schemes were put on hold. Our priority remains to ensure that the services we buy on behalf of the population of Sandwell are delivered from safe, good quality buildings."

Target

The trust decided on its priority schemes earlier this year, ranking six as high with the target of having them finished in the next four years.

Top of the agenda are new health centres, worth a combined £10.6m, due to be built on a former car park in Great Bridge and on land at Crosswells Road and Bloxcidge Street in Oldbury. Both plans have already won outline planning permission.

The priority schemes also included the £6.5m Glebefields Neighbourhood Health Centre in Tipton, which opened in June, and a new clinic in Great Barr's Tanhouse Community Centre, which opened in March.

Looking for Tiptonian of the Year are Rob Williams, of Tipton Civic Society, and marketing officer Jason Breeze at the Tipton and Coseley Building Society

Nominations are wanted for awards

ORGANISERS of this year's Tiptonian of the Year Awards are encouraging people to come forward with nominations.

The event to find local heroes in the town will be held on November 19 at Tipton Conservative Club and this year marks the 20th anniversary of the scheme. Organised by Tipton Civic Society, the awards celebrate those who have done a lot for the town.

Rob Williams from the Civic Society, who founded the award with Barry Whitehouse, said: "So far we have received three nominations and we are really urging other people to come forward."

Nomination forms for this year's event will be available from today (Thursday) at Tipton Library, Great Bridge Library, Brook Street Community Centre and St Paul's Community Centre. The closing date for nominations is November 3.

Petrol station to open

A NEW petrol station next to Oldbury's Asda superstore will open on November 30.

The Wolverhampton Road supermarket next to Junction 2 of the M5 is building the six-pump forecourt on vacant land next to its car park.

Nursery assistant Jenny Barnfield with Afenath James, 12 months old, and Christy Bailey, three, at the Sandwell Council nursery, which is celebrating 20 years

Nursery celebrates 20 years with party

A BIRTHDAY party marked the 20th anniversary of the nursery at Sandwell Council House in Oldbury on Saturday.

The nursery was set up in 1991 and has looked after the children of thousands of council staff.

Anyone who had attended the nursery over the past two decades was invited to the party, which included a tombola and stalls with all proceeds going to Barnardo's.

Nursery manager Kate Firkin said the children who first attended the nursery, or the creche as it was originally called, are now young adults. She added: "We have had hundreds of happy children through our doors and we have some lovely memories."

Carers angry at 'less educated' slur

UNPAID carers say they are insulted by leaflets for a consultation on the future of funding in Sandwell, which they say labels them "ill-educated".

The council has approved a consultation on a revised carers' strategy, as it plans for more than £300,000 of cuts.

The authority funds services for unpaid carers, including advice, support, financial help and respite care to the tune of £3.7 million. But the service faces cuts of 10 per cent in 2012-13 then five per cent in both 2013-14 and 2014-15.

A 12-week consultation document gives reasons to support carers. It states: "Because of their caring role, carers have more health problems and are more likely to be poor and less educated than people who are not carers."

Joan Dearn has a blind and autistic son Ian and her daughter Charlean has Down's Syndrome. She said the leaflet was "insulting". Mrs Dearn, of Pearson Street, Old Hill, added: "I think it is shocking. I've half a mind to return the form with the words 'I'm too thick to fill this in' on it."

The shake-up in help for carers, which also involves Sandwell Primary Care Trust, comes as the Government plans "personal budgets" for carers.

Geoff Foster, chief executive for carers' organisation Sandwell CARES, agreed that the wording of the leaflet could have been better. "It was a bit indelicate," he said. "I can understand why carers would get upset. Becoming a carer is about circumstance, in most situations, such as if a parent develops dementia. Education is not really a component of that. I think the way it should have been worded is around the issue of carers finding it difficult to find the time to participate in education or leisure activities."

Sandwell Council cabinet member for adult social care, Councillor Ann Jaron, said the last thing they wanted to do was upset carers. "The point we are making is carers can suffer precisely because they put the needs of others before their own. They may have to give up a job or ignore their own health needs or drop out of education," she explained. "It is not easy being a carer and we must offer them as much support as possible."

Walk in the park to help cancer charity

FAMILIES are invited to take part in a sponsored walk in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness at a park in Smethwick later this month.

The walk is being held at West Smethwick Park at 9.30am on Friday, October 14, during Breast Cancer Awareness month. Participants can choose to do as many laps of the one-mile circuit as they wish.

Gentle

Jasmine Heir, physical activity development officer for Smethwick, said: "This is a great chance for families to get some gentle exercise whilst raising money for charity."

The walk is being organised by Sandwell Leisure Trust and Smethwick Uplands and Londonderry Sure Start Children's Centre.

To enter, or for more information, call Colin Moore on (0121) 555 7371 or visit Sandwell Leisure Trust's website www.slt-leisure.co.uk.

Pictured – Ekey Shocker from Sandwell Leisure Trust and Sure Start staff get in the fun walk mood for the sponsored event

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Fright night movie marathon

HORROR aficionados are invited to The Public in West Bromwich this Halloween to take part in the ultimate horror movie endurance test.

On Friday, October 28, the West Bromwich venue will be hosting a spine-tingling horror lock-in, with a selection of horror films and short animations screened throughout the night in their theatre from 7.45pm to 8am.

The arts centre has teamed up with film societies to pick the fright fest entertainment.

Films to be shown throughout the night include, American monster movie *The Mist*, 1974 cult favourite *Zombies of Sugar Hill*, Sam Raimi's *Evil Dead 2: Dead By Dawn*, and gruesome British independent movie *Mum & Dad*. An audience vote will determine a fifth film screened on the night.

Throughout the evening and into the early hours of the morning, The Public's sleep deprived guests will be able to tuck into a selection of Halloween themed food and drink.

Tickets for Dead by Dawn: The Halloween Horror Movie Marathon are £15 or £18.50 with pizza (advance bookings only), available by calling (0121) 533 7161 or from www.thepublic.com.

The event is suitable for over 18s only. No admittance after 11pm.

Library plan at school

CLASSROOMS and a library will be built at a Wednesbury primary school under a half-a-million pound scheme to expand due to the borough's baby boom.

Pupil numbers at Tameside Primary are rising from 420 to 630 and the school needs to build an extension in order to accommodate extra youngsters.

Plans have been lodged with Sandwell Council. The proposals will cost £580,000 to carry out.

From September the school, in Price Road, became a three-form entry.

Extension

From September 2012 an additional nursery and infant class is required as library space is currently being used

It is proposed to build two extra classrooms as well as an extension to accommodate a new school library.

Junction drops DIY stores idea

FURTHER changes have been made to sections of a long-awaited multi-million pound shopping and leisure centre in Oldbury.

A set of new proposals have been submitted to Sandwell Council for consideration.

Plans for two DIY outlets proposed for The Junction in the town will be dropped due to changes in the market. An ice skating rink, swimming pool and leisure unit with a climbing area have already been dropped from the scheme.

Planners at Sandwell Council will make decision on the revised plans at a later date.

If approved, it is estimated the £30 million construction programme for the scheme, which is being delivered by developer The Junction Limited Partnership, will start next year.

Permission

Bounded by Bromford Road, Dudley Road, Oldbury Ringway and Fountain Lane, there is planning permission for a 300,000 sq ft mixed-use development incorporating open non-food and bulky goods, leisure uses and restaurant premises. There is also permission for up to 1,500 car parking spaces.

A Section 73 application to vary conditions to make the development viable in the current economic climate is being submitted to Sandwell Council.

Demolition of redundant buildings has already taken place.

Jo Lord, managing director of retail parks at Capital and Regional, managers of The Junction said: "The Junction is a key development project within our UK wide portfolio. We are keen to bring this site forward as soon as possible."

Sandwell's cabinet member for jobs and economy, Councillor Ian Jones, added: "Hundreds of jobs for local people would be created by the development of The Junction. The range of new retail premises would also give more choice to local shoppers and encourage thousands more people to visit Oldbury each week."

Revamp for Kendrick Park estate

A WEST Bromwich housing estate is set for a major revamp.

There are plans to resurface roads, erect fencing and create an extra 80 car parking spaces on the Kendrick Park Estate.

The scheme – being sought by Sandwell Homes, which looks after the borough's housing stock – is in addition to refurbishment work already carried out under the Decent Homes scheme. The project is due to be considered by planners.

The estate was built during the early 1960s and is made up of four high rise blocks – Greenford, Mountford, Lissimore and Kenrick Houses. They stand on land bounded by Glover Street, Green Street and Maria Street. A further two high rise blocks, Neale and Macauley Houses, are at the entrance to the estate in Glover Street.

The blocks have already been the subject of extensive refurbishment and it is now proposed to carry out extensive environmental works around them.

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Drugs to be offered for terminations as birth rate soars among under-18s

Clinic to deal with teen pregnancies

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AN ABORTION clinic will be opened in Sandwell in a bid to tackle high teenage pregnancy rates in the borough.

New medical terminations, where mothers use drugs to end the pregnancy, will be offered, starting from November.

And Sandwell Primary Care Trust is in discussions to provide surgical abortions.

The new facility will open if it passes licence specifications, passes Care Quality Commission standards and is in a secure venue.

It comes after Sandwell had the highest number of under-18 pregnancies in the Black Country, according to figures released earlier this year.

Between 2007 and 2009, a total of 977 under-18s in Sandwell became pregnant, with 44 per cent of cases leading to a termination.

Sandwell's Director of Public Health Jon Middleton said free contraception was designed to prevent the need for terminations.

He explained: "This new termination service will ensure that for those women who choose to have a termination there is a service available to them. Our priority is to reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies.

"We are also working hard to drive down the number of teenage conceptions in the area and have seen some significant improvements with teenage pregnancy rate falling by almost a fifth in a decade.

"Office for National Statistics data showed that the rate per 1,000 females aged 15-17 had dropped from 69.1 to 52.7 from 1998 to 2009. In real terms, that's 75 fewer teenage pregnancies in 2009 than there were in 1998."

Report

The clinic was one of a number of suggestions made by Sandwell Council's children and young people scrutiny panel in August last year.

Among them was covering transport cost for girls under 19 who need to travel for an abortion. A report, to be presented to the panel on the progress of last year's suggestions, says costs may be claimed back under an NHS Low Income scheme for those eligible.

It adds that the 'morning after pill' is available for free, with no age limit.

Meanwhile, work is under way for a pilot school nurse drop-in scheme for teenagers in two schools in the borough.

Developer wants more time to build homes

THE DEVELOPER of a derelict site in West Bromwich has applied for more time to transform it into a mini housing estate.

Sajida Hafeez, from Middlesex, has applied to renew planning permission for four detached homes, two semi-detached homes and six terraced homes in Bailey Street.

Sutton Coldfield-based developers Signal Properties applied to build nine houses in three terraces on the same site in 1998. Proposals were revised to 10 homes and won approval in 2002.

Mrs Hafeez renewed the permission in 2007 and is now asking for more time again.

Worcester-based TM Consultants are acting as agents for Mrs Hafeez. They stated: "The neighbouring properties are a mix of council-owned and housing association houses. The land has been used for light industrial production in the past and the old factories have been demolished and the site cleared. Preliminary investigations show that coal mining was predominant in the area in the 19th century but all workings have been dormant for some time."

If approved, the plans would tie in with regeneration plans for 300 homes on Claypit Lane, Coppice Street and Wattle Road.

Chico gets a massage

Trainee keeper Cerys Grove applies the twice-weekly massage treatment to male Brazilian tapir, Chico, in the South American ungulates paddock at Dudley Zoological Gardens

STAFF at Dudley Zoo are making sure a rare Brazilian tapirs' skin stays supple with a twice weekly massage using baby oil.

Keepers in the South American ungulates paddock, including Sandwell resident trainee keeper Cerys Grove, apply the oil to males Chico and Ronnie, and females Meena and Tallulah to ensure their skin doesn't become too dry. Tallulah is the tapir family's baby at six-months old.

Assistant Curator, Richard Brown, said: "We've tried various creams but find that good old baby oil works best. Tapirs' skin has a tendency to react to dry weather conditions, so we apply the oil every three to four days to make sure it stays in good condition.

"They have quite sensitive skin so it's important we do it regularly. The treatment takes minutes to apply and the tapirs really like it – they smell lovely afterwards!"

Banned driver sped through town at 90mph

A DRIVER who sped through residential streets at up to 90mph in a bid to escape pursuing police has been jailed for 18 months.

Ashok Balu was chased by police after being spotted driving too fast on the M5 but ignored the flashing lights and siren of the unmarked police car, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

The 34-year-old left the motorway and raced towards West Bromwich, prosecutor Mrs Sati Ruck said. The Audi A3 went through three sets of red lights and Balu turned his car lights off to try to lose the police on the A41 on May 30, narrowly missing other traffic.

Crashed

He finally lost control after turning into Kendrick Way and crashed into a parked car and railings outside a fast food restaurant.

Balu, a banned driver with motoring offences, was arrested at the scene. He had eight previous convictions for driving while disqualified and had previously been jailed for dangerous driving.

Balu from Apollo Road, Oldbury, admitted dangerous driving, driving whilst disqualified and without insurance. He was sent to prison for 18 months and banned from driving for 18 months.

Look on the brightside with tribute act

ONE of the UK's leading tribute acts to Las Vegas band The Killers are to perform at The Public in West Bromwich on Saturday, October 15.

The Killerz hope to continue pleasing followers with hits like Mr Brightside, When You Were Young and Human. Support comes from Camila Kill. Tickets are £8 advance, £10 on the door, from the www.thepublic.com website or by calling (0121) 533 7161.

New cloakroom and toilets

ST John Bosco Catholic Primary School in West Bromwich has a new cloakroom and toilets after builders transformed the facilities for key stage one and two children during the holidays.

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Concern over cuts in care warden service

RESIDENTS have spoken of their concerns after it was announced Sandwell's warden service for vulnerable people is facing staff cuts.

Sandwell Homes is being forced to make savings after funding was cut. In November 16 staff will go through voluntary redundancy.

Residents helped by the warden now are now worried about the care they will get. Disabled grandmother-of-four Mary Houghton, who lives in sheltered property in Cradley Heath, said: "My warden is a lifeline for me.

"After my husband passed away two years ago she visited me every day and without her I do not know what I would have done. Many people in sheltered accommodation don't have family. It's the only support they have."

Terence Collins, a grandfather-of-four and retired council maintenance supervisor, said his mother had dementia. He added: "The warden visits my mother twice a week and keeps her company and that's slowing her illness. Making wardens redundant is disgusting."

Resources

Adrian Scarrott, Sandwell Homes' director of housing services, said they will do all they can to support vulnerable people, adding: "The resources we have available remain significant and the service continues to be delivered to those most in need.

"We know that the warden, community alarms and floating support services provided by Sandwell Homes will be constantly affected by funding changes during the next three years.

"We will continue talking with employees and customers about the way we choose to deliver services in the future. By reshaping services, we will be able to concentrate on looking after those people in Sandwell who need them the most."

Ball for paralympian

TICKETS are on sale for a ball which aims to raise funds to send paralympic hopeful Ryan Cockbill to a shooting competition in Australia.

The 21-year-old, of Great Barr, broke his neck in a swimming accident in 2006, leaving him paralysed from the chest down. But he hopes to compete in shooting at the 2012 Paralympics and will also represent the GB team in an international competition in Sydney on November 6.

He needs to raise £6,000 needs and tickets, at £40, are being sold for a ball at Aston Villa Football Club on October 29. Call 07989 612782.

Stroke group meet

WEST Bromwich Stroke Support Group will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 11, at The Globe in Reform Street, West Bromwich, at 2.30pm.

For more information call Christine on (0121) 601 1246.

Drink-driver nearly three times the limit

A MOTORIST from Tipton has been banned from driving for two years after admitting being over the drink-drive limit.

James Towns, 52, committed the offence in Western Way, Wednesbury, on September 20, Warley Magistrates Court heard last week. His breath measured 102 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath – the legal limit is 35 microgrammes.

Towns, of Myrtle Terrace, Tipton, must also now carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

Carers so valuable

THE value of the contribution by unpaid carers in Sandwell has increased by £150 million, according to new figures.

The Carers Advice and Resource Establishment in Sandwell (Cares) says the value of the voluntary care in Sandwell has increased by 29 per cent over the last four years.

Recent research by the University of Leeds shows the value has increased from £513m in 2007 to £664m in 2011. This value is calculated by working out the cost to the local authority and the NHS of replacing all of the caring undertaken by unpaid family carers in the borough over a year.

Cares' chief executive Geoff Foster said: "Without this contribution, given willingly by family members and friends, the whole health and social care structure in Sandwell would collapse."

Legal action threat over death of son

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Mother Abby Podmore

Three-year-old son Alfie

THE mother falsely accused of murder after her young son died of a chest infection is planning to take legal action.

Abby Podmore was arrested and kept in custody for 18 hours following the death of three-year-old Alfie.

The 20-year-old from Birmingham was released after a post mortem revealed the child had died from pneumonia followed by septicaemia. An inquest in Birmingham last week heard that doctors and nurses made critical errors in his care.

Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has formally admitted liability for failings in Alfie's care and has offered the Podmore family a full and unreserved apology.

Lawyers confirmed Miss Podmore was considering legal action against the hospital and West Midlands Police. She has made a formal complaint to the police.

Heartache

Dental nurse Miss Podmore said: "I don't know how I will ever trust medical professionals or the police ever again after the heartache they have put me and my family through.

"I just hope that lessons are learnt from what has happened. No-one else deserves to go through the hell that we have suffered."

Alfie was sent home from private day nursery Wiggles and Giggles in Hagley Road West, Oldbury, in February. Miss Podmore was told by staff at Birmingham Children's Hospital that the youngster had a virus and was given antacid stomach medicine. Three days later she found him dead in bed at home in Quinton.

Pathologist Dr Philip Cox told the inquest Alfie may have survived if he had been given antibiotics.

Birmingham Coroner Aiden Cotter recorded a narrative verdict and said that Alfie died following a failure to diagnose his illness.

A police spokesman said a complaint was being looked into. He added: "We will keep the family updated throughout our investigation."

Dilapidated shops to be demolished

A VACANT terrace of shops and flats will be knocked down as part of the regeneration of West Bromwich.

The dilapidated two-storey row in St Vincent Crescent is to be demolished under proposals by Sandwell Council.

The authority says the block has become uneconomical to repair.

Instead bosses plan to level the buildings from number 43 to 69 and, once it has been bulldozed, to surround the area with security fencing.

Council officer Karen James has submitted plans. She said the properties were "dilapidated at ground floor level and uneconomical to repair or refurbish."

The council owns the block and developers will collect the rubble from the demolition for re-use elsewhere. It is the latest row of shops to be cleared by the authority as it re-evaluates properties on its books including buildings that have come "to the end of its useful life".

Warriors leap into action

Shaolin Wushu Warriors, Li Feng and Wei Yuan, watched on by Dennis Adam, 11 from Smethwick

MARTIAL arts experts rolled into Smethwick ahead of their performance with The Circus Of The Orient next week.

All the fun of the big top with a Chinese flavour comes to Victoria Park from tomorrow (Friday) to Sunday, October 7-9, with a circus specially designed to visit locations beyond the reach of other productions of an international standard.

Among the international talent on show will be the Shaolin Wushu Warriors. The group will show off stunning kung fu and karate skills and has been allowed to appear by permission of the Abbott of the Shaolin Temple and the Chinese Ministry Of Culture.

Borough doctor tried to prevent execution

A DEATH row prisoner in Florida has been executed despite a last-minute lawsuit filed by a Sandwell doctor.

Dr David Nicholl, consultant neurologist at Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, tried to prevent Manuel Valle, aged 61, from being killed by lethal injection.

He issued a legal writ against the state of Florida to stop it using pentobarbital as part of a cocktail of drugs used to executve Valle.

The drug is manufactured by Danish firm Lundbeck, and Dr Nicholl uses the drug on an almost daily basis.

Dr Nicholl said: "To their credit, Lundbeck have made it clear that this drug should not be used for executions. The medical profession has been quite explicit that pentobarbital has no role in executions.

Barbaric

"The use of this drug – which should only be used in an intensive care-type setting with full anaesthetic support – is nothing short of barbaric, and has resulted in botched executions. When both the medics and the manufacturer are saying the use of this drug is illegal, it is about time the State of Florida paid attention.

"Florida must stop using pentobarbital in a manner which is, in my view, unconstitutional and illegal."

But Florida courts dismissed the appeal and Cuban citizen Valle, convicted of killing police officer Louis Pena 33 years ago, was executed on Wednesday, September 28. He had been one of the longest serving inmates on America's death row.

Banned man drove minibus

A MECHANIC already serving a drink-drive ban was caught at the wheel of a minibus in a West Bromwich street, magistrates heard.

Martin Borek, a Polish national, was stopped by police officers who saw him driving in an erratic manner on the A41 on August 12.

The 28-year-old last week admitted at Warley Magistrates Court that he had been driving while disqualified, driving without insurance and driving with excess alcohol.

Job

Miss Kelly Hale, prosecuting, said his breath test was 47 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35.

Mr James Cooper, defending, said Borek panicked and thought he would have risked his job by not driving.

Borek, of Perry Avenue, Perry Barr, was given a 16-week jail sentence suspended for a year with supervision.

He must also do 100 hours unpaid work and was banned from driving for 40 months.

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Poverty is on the rise

THE number of children in poverty within Sandwell is set to rise as the credit crunch hits the borough's families hard, says the borough council.

Bosses expect that as poverty rises there will be increasing numbers of people suffering poor health in Sandwell.

In a report to Deputy Leader Councillor Steve Eling, the authority sets out its plan to deal with the expected increase in poverty.

It states Sandwell is one of the most deprived boroughs in England and that poverty worsened in the borough between 2007 and 2009. "The economic downturn and other factors mean that, despite some positive steps, poverty will rise in the short to medium term," the report continues.

Wards

It reveals the poorest wards within Sandwell have expanded to include Friar Park, parts of Rowley Regis and Wednesbury.

It stated that the number of "economically active" residents will decline while there will be a growing group of vulnerable residents.

Plea for toy donations

THE organisation that runs the borough's popular St George's Day parade is appealing for people to show their support for sick children.

The Stone Cross St George Association is urging people to donate toys and games which will be distributed to youngsters on the children's ward at Sandwell Hospital this Christmas.

The association organises the huge parade through the town which attracts 20,000 people every year.

Next year's event is already being planned for April 22.

One of the organisers, Mark Cowles, said: "What we want to do is ask for donations and then go and take them to Sandwell Hospital.

"It is all about doing something to put a smile on the faces of the children at Christmas and doing something for the community."

Anyone who wants to help can email stgeorgeparade@aol.com

Convictions at Warley magistrates

RECENT convictions at Warley Magistrates Court included:

Sarah Jane Alcock, aged 25, of Harvest Fields, Harvest Road, Rowley Regis: Fined £100 with £80 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving on High Street, Blackheath, without insurance.

Ahmed Amin, aged 41, of Grove Lane, Handsworth: Fined £115 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed three points on licence for driving a Hyundai Accent on B4135 Cranford Street opposite Fawdry Street while exceeding the speed limit.

Maxine Ebanks, aged 39, of Brandon Way, West Bromwich: Fined £100 with £80 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Renault Scenic on Albion Road without insurance.

Julie Foster, aged 51, of Central Avenue, Tipton: Fined £160 with £80 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed four points on licence for driving a Vauxhall Agila on A457 Soho Way opposite Baldwin Street while exceeding the speed limit.

Lisa Hickinbottom, aged 39, of Victoria Road, Tipton: Fined £185 with £80 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed three points on licence for driving a Fiat Punto on Upper Church Lane on which the front nearside tyre had the ply or cord exposed.

Eva Jokubauska, aged 32, of Hilton Street, West Bromwich: Fined £700 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Honda Civic on High Street without a licence, MoT or insurance.

Klinton Sulag (aliases: Clinton Sulag and Klinton Sulaj), aged 18, of Old Chapel Road, Smethwick: Fined £65 with £85 costs and ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge for having used threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour or disorderly behaviour within the hearing or sight of a person likely to be caused harassment, alarm or distress thereby.

Wayne Hill, aged 31, of Trindor Road, Smethwick: Fined £415 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed eight points on licence for driving a Nissan on Wolverhampton Road without a licence or insurance and whilst using a mobile hand-held phone.

Kaiser Nawaz, aged 28, of Great Arthur Street, Smethwick: Fined £100 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for six months for driving on Rolf Street without insurance.

Matthew Richardson, aged 33, of Ashcroft, Windmill Lane, Cape Hill: Given a 12 month community order, ordered to pay £170 compensation and £25 costs for stealing money to the value of £170.

Paul Anthony Langford, aged 26, of Ivy Road, Tipton: Given a two year community order, 120 hours unpaid work, given a 12 week curfew requirement, given a two year restraining order, ordered to pay £100 compensation and £135 costs for causing assault by beating.

Karim Ahmadi, aged 36, of St Agathas Road, Birmingham: Fined £525 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for failing to give information to the police relating to the identification of the driver of a Fiat Bravo who was alleged to have been guilty of an offence.

Benefits cheat is told to work for 200 hours

A BENEFITS cheat who fraudulently claimed more than £13,000 has been ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

Kim Richards, aged 51, of Springfield Lane, Rowley Regis, started claiming widowed parent's allowance after her estranged husband died in October 2004, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The claim was being paid out on the basis that she was a single parent with two children but she failed to report that her circumstances later changed when she began living with a man.

Richards admitted wrongly claiming £13,203 between January 2007 and July 2010.

Relationship

Miss Laura Culley, prosecuting on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions, said she began a relationship with Gary Hickman and the pair had taken out a mortgage together.

Miss Culley said: "She admitted she had taken out a mortgage in 2007 with Mr Hickman.

"She was disputing the fact he lived there on a permanent basis."

In mitigation for Richards, Mr Malcolm Fowler said the pair entered into a relationship after taking out the mortgage but they later split up and he had insisted on staying at the address.

Richards was handed a community order and was told to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

Antiques

THE National Fine Art and Antiques Fair will start the New Year in style when it returns to the NEC from January 18 to 22.

Tickets are priced at £15 or £12 in advance and include car parking and visitor guide.

Gambling addict manager left note saying 'sorry'

Prison for pub boss who stole £26,000

A WEDNESBURY pub manager who stole more than £26,000 from its safe to fund her gambling habit has been jailed for 16 months.

Sarah-Jayne Ellis, aged 29, left a note in the safe of The Myvod Pub in Park Lane saying sorry before taking a train to Brighton.

Ellis, who later handed herself in to police, sobbed in the dock as her sentence was passed at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Ellis, of Arps Road, Codsall, "panicked" when she realised how much money she had taken and left a letter to a colleague in the safe before leaving, the crown court heard.

Jailed for 16 months: Sarah-Jayne Ellis

But she returned within hours and handed herself in to police with £2,000 she was carrying in her bag. Ellis admitted theft, having pocketed a total of £26,786.

Remorse

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said: "The letter said that she had become increasingly depressed over the last three months or so.

"She had resorted to heavy gambling in the last week-and-a-half and she had borrowed money from the safe which she had lost through gambling.

"She thought she had taken £13,500 and expressed some remorse."

Mr Robert Cowley, defending, said Ellis was under continuous strain in her work due to lack of staff.

He said: "She was simply not coping with her role as a manager."

Shops and apartments proposal at factory site

THE former premises of an West Bromwich tool firm is to be turned into five shops and three apartments, creating 12 jobs.

The old Lugg Tools building in Hill Top will be turned into three shops including a barber's shop, a restaurant and a takeaway with two one-bed apartments and one two-bed apartment above.

Plans include creating 25 extra car parking spaces, taking the total number to 33 at the rear of the premises, which shut with the loss of four jobs in March.

It comes after nearby traders' raised fears about a new Co-op store and six shops which are under construction on the same road.

Business owners say extra shops selling similar goods could kill off trade and add to existing car parking problems in the area.

Agent Dhaljit Bharya, of Poplar Avenue, Edgbaston, has submitted the plans to revamp the three-storey building.

Homeowners on The Broadway, behind the planned development, have approached ward Councillor Olwen Jones with concerns. She said: "The proposed car park sits in a dip at the same height as some residents' ground floor windows.

"Residents are concerned if it becomes a car park for customers, they will have disturbance from noise and lights shining into their windows late at night.

Safety

"They have also raised potential safety issues because customers could drive off the end of the car park as there is a further drop down, which is about the height of a house."

Grandmother-of-three Florence Wood, of nearby Jowetts Lane, said: "We've got enough shops in this area. I don't like to see derelict buildings but I think this will overcrowd trade in the area. There is the parking area at Hill Top but with the extra customers, parking would just get ridiculous."

Cllr Mrs Jones added that the plans were a sign Hill Top was attracting new business.

Lugg Tools was operating in Hill Top for more than 120 years before it closed in March.

Inspectors praise school

Celebrating the good Ofsted reprot are, front from left, ten-year-old pupils Amraz Khan, Aiza Hussain, headteacher Barbara Carter, Isra Asif and Ali Sajid, watched by classmates

PUPILS, parents and staff at an Oldbury school are celebrating after Ofsted inspectors gave it a good rating.

Rood End Primary school has gone from a "satisfactory" rating to "good" in all areas except in how safe pupils feel at school, in which it scored an "outstanding" rating.

Headteacher Barbara Carter welcomed the report, saying: "We are absolutely delighted because it's a celebration of all that we've done since January 2008.

"It's because of the way staff work and it's great pupils now know how hard they've worked. We've raised the bar and they have come up to it. It must be great for the parents to see."

Quality of teaching was judged good as well as the school's early years provision and capacity for improvement in future.

Improved

Inspector Gerald Griffin praised the school's "caring atmosphere". Good progress in English and maths was also praised.

Mr Griffin added: "The school has improved its performance steadily since the last inspection."

500 chase 80 jobs

AROUND 500 applications have been submitted by job hunters vying for 80 positions at the new £27 million Tesco superstore, at Burnt Tree Island on the Sandwell-Dudley border.

The supermarket is set to open on October 17. It was announced earlier this year that 80 new jobs would be created and bosses say they have received around 500 applications.

Larger

Other posts at the store are expected to be taken by staff from the old Burnt Tree Island store, which closed in January.

The total number of positions at the supermarket, which will be far larger than the previous store, is to be more than 300.

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Creditors still out of pocket

EIGHTY-FIVE businesses remain out of pocket following the collapse of the company that formerly ran £72 million Black Country arts centre The Public.

Most are still owed more than half what they were originally owed.

The Public Gallery Ltd – which used to run the gallery inside the complex – went into liquidation in February 2009, before Sandwell Council was forced to take over the building.

New figures from Companies House show 85 unsecured creditors including senior directors, artists, creative companies and staff say they are still owed a total £306,766.

Liquidators could not find enough cash to repay them in full, leaving the majority more than half of their money down.

In total, they were paid back £147,922 before the company was dissolved in July last year.

Writer

The first payments to workers left out of pocket when the gallery was liquidated began in November 2009, when £11,456 was paid to cover outstanding holiday pay and wages for staff.

The biggest payments went to writer and photographer Ayoub Khote, who picked up £1,386 while gallery director Marlene Smith was given £1,211.

Outstanding redundancy payments totalling £3,466 were paid in full to the National Insurance Fund in January 2010. Unsecured creditors were paid in two instalments, one in November 2009 and the other in March last year.

In November 2009, 82 unsecured creditors who made total claims of £288,478 were paid back at a rate of 35 per cent, receiving a total of just £100,967 in return.

In the second round, there were 85 claimants chasing £306,766 as HM Revenue & Customs, the Centre for Contemporary Arts and a Kate Davis were added to the list. The last round saw those 85 claimants paid back.

Council leader Councillor Darren Cooper said: "It's unfortunate people weren't paid off but the project was heavily overspent in the first place, something I criticised at the time.

"The Arts Council had to do the best they could with the resources it had. The council will not be putting any more money into this project. The key at this moment in time is to be moving forward in a positive direction. Sandwell Arts Trust now seems to have a robust business plan."

Sandwell Leisure Trust spent three months managing the controversial gallery before the new subsidiary, Sandwell Arts Trust, took over in July 2009.

Blaze blamed on gas leak

POLICE have closed an investigation into a blaze at a Sandwell supermarket after deciding it was not suspicious.

Officers say the fire at the K2 supermarket in Cape Hill, Smethwick, on May 31, was caused by a gas leak.

Police chief opens station

THE new £10 million HQ for police in Sandwell has been unveiled in a ceremony led by the chief of West Midlands Police.

Chief Constable Chris Sims uncovered a plaque to mark the official opening of the station, on Moor Street, in the heart of West Bromwich.

The new three-storey building, which will be open to the public 24 hours-a-day, replaces the old station on New Street and has been built as part of Tesco's £200m regeneration of the town.

Risen

Mr Sims said: "West Bromwich is the first major police station to be opened for some time in the West Midlands and it is a great building that has risen very quickly from the ground, although this project has been going on for a considerable amount of time.

"The building that is here today is all about serving the borough of Sandwell, and it is a statement about our presence right in the heart of West Bromwich."

Sandwell Commander, Chief Superintendent Mark Robinson said:"The new station marks a new era for Sandwell Police."

Family escape before car fire

A CAR carrying a family of four burst into flames after being involved in a collision with another car in West Bromwich.

The family had a lucky escape when the blaze began in the blue Nissan Almera after the collision also involving a silver Vauxhall Zafira, which was also carrying a family of four, at 10.30pm on Sunday. A 13-year-old girl suffered pain in her hip but no-one else was injured.

New care home is set to create 25 jobs

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THE expansion of a Black Country care home will create 25 new jobs. The Carlton Care Group has added to its portfolio by buying the Smethwick Ex-Servicemen's Club site in South Road.

It already owns neighbouring Poplars Nursing Home and will now extend the existing site to provide an extra 25 beds and hopes to open in the new year.

The club closed due to falling numbers and was snapped up by the Carlton Care Group for £340,000.

Carlton Care group manager Tony Billingham said new plans would see it merged with the current home, bringing the total number of beds up to 60 and creating around 25 jobs.

Mr Billingham said: "We will bring it up to 60 beds altogether by joining the two together and not even using the upstairs.

"We want to get things moving because we are getting lots of applications from social services and hospitals for places and we want to get on with it quickly."

Mr Billingham said the company will be submitting a change of use planning application and hope to open within six months.

Rated

He added: "It should be a very good facility for Sandwell.

"We have got excellent reports from the Care Quality Commission and are three star rated.

"By putting an extra 25 beds in we will be up to 60 beds and gives people the opportunity in Smethwick to have the facilities that they are shouting out for.

"It will create at least 25 jobs , if not more."

£13,000 to Help for Heroes

Staff at Sainsbury's in Oldbury have raised £13,000 for Help for Heroes during the past year. Pictured front are Helen Loynes from Help for Heroes and Sainsbury's security guard David Gerdes and back, from left, Irene Turley, duty manager Tim Fletcher and Win Gordon

AN ex-serviceman has helped raise £13,000 for the soldier charity Help for Heroes.

David Gerdes, a security guard at Sainsbury's in Oldbury, last year persuaded his store manager to back Help for Heroes as the store's official charity of the year.

Several donations, in-store collections, bag-packing events and Help for Heroes merchandise selling days were held to raise the grand total.

Charity volunteer Helen Loynes went to the Freeth Street store to pick up the cheque for over £13.000.

Mr Gerdes, who used to be in the Royal Navy, said: "A lot of people have said it's nice that we were collection for these lads

"The majority were people over the age of 50 and 60, they were so grateful and generous.

"We're delighted with the response as it's great to hand over so much money."

Curtain Raiser on amateur comedy and drama shows

PRIZE-winning Charlemont Drama Society (Cads) in West Bromwich takes a wry look at the world of amateur theatre in Bettine Manktelow's comedy Curtain Raiser.

The society's 127th production will be staged at Pennyhill School in Holyhedge Road from Wednesday to Saturday, October 12-15, with curtain up at 7.30pm.

Cads won the prize for best production in the area for 2010 from the National Operatic and Drama Association for their staging of Cash on Delivery last autumn – its fourth award in five years,

Tickets for Curtain Raiser are available from Eric Stott on (0121) 3081 596, priced £7 each.

Meanwhile, Highbury Players present April De Angelis's 1993 drama Playhouse Creatures at the Highbury Theatre Centre in Sheffield Road, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, from October 17 to 22.

Set in the 17th century, it tells the story of the first women allowed to act in the theatre following the death of Cromwell and the restoration of the Stuart monarchy and these threatrical pioneers included Nell Gwynne, who became the lover of King Charles II.

Contact the box office on (0121) 373 2761 on weekday evenings and Wednesday mornings (10-12).

There will also be a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday, October

Pictured in 17th century-set drama Playhouse Creatures are Highbury Playerse (from left) Marion Pritchett, Laura Chinn, Dee White and Sandra Haynes

Head of the sixth form visits

A NEW director has taken the reins of the new sixth form at Sandwell College.

Dr Matt Lamb, who has taken up the post of head of the sixth form to be based at the college's new building, is from Kidderminster and previously had a similar role at Worcester College of Technology.

The sixth form will be aptly located on the sixth floor of the state-of-the-art campus under construction in the heart of West Bromwich. Mr Lamb recently visited the building as it nears completion. Thirty A-level subjects, from maths to media studies, will be offered to school leavers from across the West Midlands when the sixth form opens.

Dr Matt Lamb visits the new building

Lee Gee was the winning comic at The Public

Lee is funniest discovery in Black Country

WALSALL comedian Lee Gee beat competition from the finest new comics in the Black Country to claim top prize in a comedy talent show.

Starter for Ten, held at arts centre The Public in West Bromwich, showcased comedians who had each sent in successful audition tapes to reach the live grand final.

After wowing a panel of judges with his 10-minute set Gee – real name Lee Goodall – claimed a £100 cash prize and the opportunity to support regular touring acts at The Public.

Linda Saunders, managing director at The Public, said Starter for Ten had generated a tremendous buzz.

"The standard of comics who performed was incredibly high, going to show the amazing talent which resides in the region," she added.

Runners-up in the competition were Lovdev Barpaga and Al Rudge.

Lee Gee's next performance will be on the BRMB stage at the launch of the Birmingham Food Festival in Victoria Square, Birmingham, on October 15.

Tip-off led to cannabis factory raid

POLICE seized around 200 cannabis plants during a raid at a house in Tividale on Friday.

Sandwell Police executed a warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act at an address on New Birmingham Road in Tividale at 8.20am.

Officers forced entry to the house and discovered a cannabis factory inside the property.

Sergeant Ed Trimbee said: "We received information from the community regarding suspicious activity at the address and we obtained a warrant under the Misuse of Drugs Act. Unfortunately no-one was at the premises at the time, however we have seized around 200 plants.

Suspicions

"We thank the community for informing us of their concerns and we continue to urge anyone with information or suspicions to call their local police team. We will not tolerate the misuse of drugs in Sandwell and we continue to proactively target anyone suspected of drugs offences."

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Legends open new postal hub

Gordon Banks OBE, Dwain McDonald, DPD UK CEO, and Sir Geoff Hurst MBE unveil DPD's Superhub expansion and a dedicated international hall at Smethwick

FOOTBALL legends Sir Geoff Hurst and Gordon Banks opened Sandwell postal firm's £12 million extension.

More than 120 people watched the England heroes unveil improvements at DPD's national sorting hub in Oldbury.

The extension includes a sorting line that enables the firm to handle almost 500,000 parcels per night, 200,000 more than before.

Launching the extension Sir Geoff, who scored three goals in the 1966 World Cup final against West Germany, said business is similar to football because firms, like players, should strive to improve.

GeoPost UK chief executive Dwain McDonald added: "This is the culmination of a major 12 month project that has created 150 new jobs and brings DPD's parcel sorting capacity up to half a million per night."

DPD is part of GeoPost UK, which employs more than 1,700 people at sites in Oldbury and Smethwick.

Red deer spotted in Sandwell Valley

THE number of red deer in the Black Country is on the rise and the creatures have been spotted for the first time in Sandwell Valley Nature Reserve.

An RSPB volunteer was first to recognise the deer footprints while working on the marsh at the reserve in Great Barr. Lee Copplestone, site manager at Sandwell Valley Nature Reserve, Tanhouse Avenue, said: "It was quite amazing when we heard there had been a sighting in the reserve. We had come across the marks, and prints on two or three occasions, and then I was shown photographs."

In June two red deer were spotted in a residential street in Walsall. The animals had been seen in Borneo Street in The Butts.

A red deer in Sandwell Valley Nature Reserve

Walsall Countryside Ranger Morgan Bowers said that for around three weeks a number of residents had reported seeing the animals.

She said: "They were seen by quite a few people. We think they had come down some of the green corridors, the trainlines and paths to make their way into Walsall."

Miss Bowers said there are were many red deers on Brownhills Common as well as the more common fallow deer.

She added: "The numbers are increasing so I should think they may be a more frequent sight."

Martin Hodgson, Countryside Ranger at Cannock Chase, said that the Chase was home to one of the largest deer herds in the UK. The beauty spot has around 1,000 fallow deer and a 80 to 100 red deer.

£50,000 spend on slowing traffic at primary school

SPEED limits will be slashed and traffic calming measures installed as part of a £50,000 plans to improve safety outside a Cradley Heath school.

They will be around Temple Meadow Primary School, in Wrights Lane. Sandwell's cabinet member for neighbourhood services, Councillor Derek Rowley, has approved the improvements which include speed ramps and a crossing for pedestrians at the junction with Station Road.

A 20mph speed zone will be created along with improved signing and lighting. The cost of the works will be met from the Local Transport Plan. Safety is being stepped up as part of the Safer Routes To School programme.

Cllr Rowley said: "I have approved the plans after requests from local residents that traffic calming measures are installed. We support the plans to do all we can to improve safety for pupils."

It is the latest borough school to have safety measures installed. Recently safety measures costing more than £100,000 on Wood Green Road in Wednesbury were approved.

Petition

It came after residents, parents and staff at Wood Green Academy and Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School submitted a petition calling for action after complaining about motorists coming off the motorway and continuing at high speeds in the 30mph zone.

Improvements include increasing the height of the guard rail on the central reservation.

Surprise party pays tribute to club stalwarts

TEARS were shed as residents shared stories and waved goodbye to a community stalwart, who gave decades of service in Great Barr.

Friends and family gathered at Tanhouse Community Centre for a surprise send-off party for Queenie Salter, aged 76, who set up a stroke club for Hamstead miners 30 years ago and has since been responsible for a number of other community projects at the Hamstead Road centre.

Volunteering

Mrs Salter, who went to the event with fellow volunteering stalwart husband Tom, is moving to Manchester to take up grandmother's duties with her daughter Susan Salter-Jones, an NHS manager who is in the process of adopting two children.

People touched by Mrs Slater's community efforts, which include organising variety shows and weekends away for the stroke club for the over-55s, gathered to say thank you. She was even given a lift in the civic car en route to the event.

Saying goodbye to fellow Stroke Club members are Queenie Slater, 76, with husband Tom, 79, at Tanhouse Community Centre, Great Barr

Self help course

SANDWELL Primary Care Trust is looking for patients who have a long term health problem to join a 'self care' course where people share ideas and learn what they can do to improve their health and well-being. The eight-week course starts October 20 (11am) at Sandwell Community Information and Participation Service, Christ Church, Birmingham Street, Oldbury, Contact Marie Ayres on (0121) 612 1502.

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Cigarette smugglers get suspended jail sentences

THREE men took part in a plot to smuggle 2.5 million cigarettes worth £387,000 in tax and duty into Staffordshire from Holland, a court heard.

Cannock businessman Adrian East, Robert Cairns, of Tipton, and John Durnall, of Wolverhampton, were given suspended sentences. The men were at the bottom end of the chain of command, employed as drivers or labourers, Birmingham Crown Court heard.

Those at the top of the con – which would have led to the cigarettes flooding the region's black market – have not been caught.

The court was told East, Cairns and Durnall were each arrested by customs officials when the Gold Classic cigarettes were delivered to a unit at Littleton Business Park, Cannock in February 2009.

Customs officials intercepted the truck in Coventry and an officer transported them to the Cannock depot, where East, Cairns and Durnall were waiting. East, aged 45, of Swallow Close, Huntington, had paid to rent the unit. The furniture warehouse owner was paid £1,200 for doing so.

Cairns, 42, of Cophall Street, Tipton, was the courier and was paid £100 to shift 10 pallets of cigarettes.

Durnall, aged 65, of Hilary Drive, Penn, was to get £50 for helping out and signing for the consignment but did not get any money in the end.

East and Cairns pleaded guilty last week to carrying

The gang used this industrial unit in Cannock to store the contraband

Courier for smuggled cigarettes – Robert Cairns, of Tipton

responsible for this illegal trade across the West Midlands," he said. "Far from offering the consumer a 'so called' bargain the goods are unregulated and there are no safeguards to underage sales or the conditions in which they are kept."

£100,000 more for The Public

A NEW £100,000 lottery grant is being handed to The Public arts centre in West Bromwich to fund its programme over the next six months.

The lottery cash awarded by the Arts Council will be spent developing the £72 million West Bromwich venue's visual art programme.

Earlier this year, the Arts Council rejected a bid by the gallery for almost £1 million of funding over the next three years.

As well as developing its visual arts programme, the two-year-old arts centre in New Street intends to use the lottery windfail to support digital and interactive arts activities.

Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public, said: "We are thrilled to receive this funding from the Arts Council and pleased it is committed to supporting our artistic programme.

"We are looking forward to continuing to nurture and support the talents of new and young artists, showcasing their work alongside well recognised and established artists – using the arts to contribute to the exciting regeneration plans already in place for West Bromwich.

"The work is designed to appeal to The Public"s growing local and family audience and will include workshops, school activities and community events centring around exhibitions on two themes."

Ros Robins, West Midlands director at Arts Council England, said: "We have awarded Sandwell Arts Trust £100,000 through our lottery funded grants for the arts programme. This money will support a programme of digital and interactive arts activity taking place in The Public."

In April it had emerged that Sandwell Arts Trust, which runs the centre, failed in a bid for almost £1m of funding. It had asked for £300,000 a year over three financial years.

The Arts Council had refused The Public's bid for funding as it needs to save £450 million over four years. But it confirmed it had set aside lottery cash for the centre, a controversial development that was hit by delays and soaring costs funded by the public purse.

The Public will be rolling out its autumn and spring programme with two exhibition, The Art of Noise and The Art of Architecture from next month.

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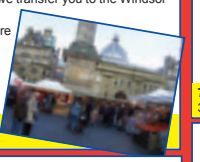

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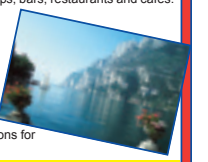

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With the chickens at Springfield Primary School in Rowley Regis is site manager Rob Homer with pupils Imogen Thomas, four, and Liam Kite, eight

Pupils' new feathered friends

CHICKEN have welcomed five new additions to their school – five chickens.

Springfield Primary School in Rowley Regis has had them for 18 weeks after they arrived as eggs and now pupils are choosing names for the birds.

Headteacher Susan Powis, said: "We contacted a company called The Living Egg company and had 10 eggs brought to school and the incubator so the children were able to watch them hatch." The chickens are kept in a free range coop in the school's garden.

Police hunting burglars who stole gold bars

POLICE are hunting raiders after thousands of pounds worth of jewellery and two bars of gold bullion have been stolen during a burglary in Great Barr.

Raiders broke into the house on Thornbridge Avenue and stole two gold ingots worth around £1,000 each.

One of the bars was embossed with the words 'Johnson and Mathey'. Gold jewellery was also stolen including a distinctive gold ring containing a red heart-shaped gem and two wrist watches.

Police have already alerted local jewellers to the stolen items and are urging anybody with information to come forward as soon as possible.

It is believed three men were involved in the burglary on Tuesday afternoon, September 27, between 2pm and 3pm.

The first suspect is described as white, around 50 years of age and 6ft tall. He was wearing a black sleeveless vest and blue T-shirt.

The other two men are described as white, around 40 years of age and wearing casual clothing.

Detective Constable Kuli Sikham, from Birmingham CID, said: "We are determined to crackdown on offences of this kind.

"We are working with local jewellers to share information in the hope they will alert us to any suspicious items offered for sale."

Anyone with information should call Dc Kuli Sikham on 0345 113 5000.

Flasher strikes near to school

SANDWELL Police are appealing for information after a person described as a scruffy black man exposed himself to two teenage girls in Great Barr. The girls were approached by the man on a bike as they walked a path off Wilderness Lane, near the Q3 Academy, at around 1pm on September 17. Contact police on 0345 113 5000 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Front, from left, Aaron Butler, Sammie-Jay Owen, and Kirsty Browne, PR Ambassador for Oldbury Sainsbury's, with other pupils, MP Adrian Bailey, school staff and governors

Game on at Great Bridge

PUPILS from a Great Bridge school are set to experience three Paralympic sports thanks to a donation by a supermarket.

Great Bridge Primary school has signed up to Sainsbury's 1 Million Kids Challenge, which is designed to encourage young people of all abilities to experience Paralympic sport in the run-up to next year's London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Staff were joined by Adrian Bailey, MP for West Bromwich West, to present youngsters at the Mount Street school with a Paralympic sports kit, allowing them to join the challenge.

Goalball

There is equipment for three Paralympic sports for pupils to take part in – goalball, sitting volleyball and visually-impaired football.

Denise Nash, who acts as the region's Diversity Champion, which involves exploring opportunities to promote the Paralympic Games, said: "Sainsbury's are proud to be sponsors of the 2012 Paralympic Games and we're really looking forward to working with Great Bridge Primary school as well as other schools taking part in the 1 Million Kids Challenge in Oldbury to help them experience a Paralympic sport".

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Three officers get Medal of Valour for raid bravery

THREE West Midlands police officers have received one of policing's highest international honours for tackling armed bank raiders in Handsworth.

Pcs Kate Peplow, Catherine Morgan and Diana Shaw picked up the Medal of Valour award from the International Association for Women in Policing's annual conference in Kentucky, America, pipping competition from around the globe.

Graves

The reward follows an armed robbery at a bank in Handsworth on January 12, 2010, which began with the theft of a JCB used for digging graves at nearby Handsworth Cemetery.

The offenders, some armed with guns, threatened three bank staff who were forced to hand over a large quantity of cash before a passing police car disturbed them and they ran off.

Pcs Peplow, Morgan and Shaw heard over their radios that an armed robbery was in progress and rushed to the scene.

Both Pc Shaw and Pc Peplow had guns pointed at them and, in the latter case, Pc Peplow used her arm to deflect a sawn-off shotgun from her head. Then the offenders then ran-off towards a cul-de-sac.

Despite the shock and clear danger posed by the desperate armed raiders, they were able to give clear directions via their personal radios, ensuring that other officers got to the street where the men were last seen.

All three officers then remained at the location to help recover a large sum of money and a gun.

Pc Shaw said: "We had to act. We had to protect the public – it's what we joined the police service for. Any officer would have done the same."

It brings the officers' award tally to three after winning both the association's regional and national titles earlier this year.

Pc Diana Shaw, Pc Kate Peplow and Pc Catherine Morgan

Electrician jailed for growing cannabis

A 31-year-old electrician has been jailed after a £14,000 cannabis factory was found at Ocker Hill in Tipton.

Police raided the home of Garry Abercrombie in Toll End Road in February and found 50 cannabis plants.

He admitted cultivating cannabis and illegally extracting electricity at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Friday.

Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting, said the plants would have amounted to about 1.5kg of cannabis with a street value of £14,500. He had illegally extracted electricity for the lights system he used to grow it, the court heard. A total of £530 in cash was also found at the property.

Mr Jasvir Mann, defending, said Abercrombie, had started growing the plants after finding he could not afford to buy enough of the drug for his habit. He said: "Foolishly he decided he would set up a cultivation operation. Ordinarily he leads a thoroughly decent life. He has worked hard since he left school. He is remorseful."

Sentencing him to 14 months in jail, Judge Amjad Nawaz told him: "Those who grow drugs should know and understand that if arrested they will go to prison. This was a large scale operation." He also sentenced him to six months imprisonment, to be served concurrently, for extracting electricity.

Contamination is found at proposed archives location

POTENTIALLY dangerous gases and significant land contamination have been found at the site of a planned £6 million Black Country archives building.

Investigations have been launched at the former Royal Brierley Crystal site in Tipton Road, Dudley, as part of the consultation into the new building, which would house the archives for both Sandwell and Dudley.

Planners

The plans have been earmarked for approval and will go before Dudley planners on October 11.

Planning chief Councillor Angus Adams said the discovery meant large-scale ground remediation work would have to be done before construction at the site could begin.

"It would be a danger to health if the building was done on top of the ground as it is," he added.

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Landlords' warning on carbon monoxide

PRIVATE housing landlords heard about the potentially fatal danger of carbon monoxide leaks at an event to mark Gas Safety Week.

More than 100 landlords attended the forum organised by Sandwell and Walsall councils with the Gas Safe Register, an organisation which monitors gas engineers. They heard about the importance of using a registered engineer to check appliances in the lead-up to winter, and the dangers of faulty appliances which can cause a carbon monoxide leak. Registered gas engineers can be found on the website:

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Houses on site of Rose and Crown

REVIVED proposals that will see homes built on the site of a former Tipton pub have been be backed by planners in Sandwell.

Birmingham-based Orion Developments is now set to build 10 homes on the site of the former Rose and Crown in Queens Road.

Plans had already been approved for housing at the site back in 2008.

The pub was demolished once planning permission was granted, but the land, opposite Victoria Park, has never been built upon and remains vacant.

Orion Developments has now asked for a renewal of the planning permission so work can be completed.

Sandwell's planning committee approved the scheme.

Libraries go that extra mile

SANDWELL libraries are going the extra mile to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support with the help of West Bromwich marathon runner Blind Dave Heeley.

Staff at the borough's 19 libraries are aiming to each raise at least £100 by the end of this year for Dave's chosen charity. Macmillan is the library service's charity for 2011 and is the charity Dave supported on his Top2Toe John O'Groats to Lands End trek in the summer.

On October 24 each Sandwell library – including the mobile – will be hosting coffee mornings where people can guess the number of steps a typical staff number does in each day. It's 50p a go with proceeds to Macmillan. For more information call (0121) 569 4911 or visit www.libraries.sandwell.gov.uk

Blitz on booze in the borough

COUNCIL wardens are cracking down on street drinking in Sandwell – seizing booze nearly 500 times in a year.

Sandwell's are the only council wardens in the West Midlands to have powers from the chief constable to confiscate alcohol.

Alcohol seizures have rocketed during the past few months as wardens have stepped up their action. There were 484 seizures from nuisance drinkers between August 1 2010 and July 31 2011, with 109 in July.

West Bromwich High Street saw most confiscations, with 45 over the year, followed by Smethwick High Street with 23.

Council consider action on police station parking

PARKING restrictions could be introduced on roads in West Bromwich to clamp down on police station staff clogging streets with their cars, following complaints from residents.

Homeowners and businesses have been upset since the opening of the town's £10 million police station, which has been built on the corner of Moor Street and Bowater Street. Since it opened its doors on September 9 residents claim more cars have been left parked on neighbouring roads including Oak Road and Lodge Road.

Now the borough's safety boss has said action could be taken if there is enough support from residents.

Councillor Derek Rowley, cabinet member for neighbourhood services, said: "We are continuing to look at West Bromwich parking. It is a very fluid situation.

"We think that we will have enough off street parking spaces planned with the regeneration but we are continually looking for parking restrictions around West Bromwich.

"We recognise that West Bromwich is more difficult at the moment with the reduction in spaces and it is more difficult than any other town in the borough.

"But if these worries do come to me I will ask officers whether they have been made aware of it and look into it."

Peter Thomas, aged 63, who runs Headstart hairdressers in Lodge Road, said that the situation was "horrendous".

However, West Midlands Police has defended the car parking situation saying it is not duty-bound to provide parking facilities for officers or staff's private vehicles. Staff have been advised to use public transport where possible.

The car park at the station is for police vehicles only.

Monitoring

The new police station is the town's new headquarters and a total of 340 police officers will be based there.

West Midlands Fire Service spokesman Jeremy Sharpe said they were monitoring the parking situation because residents were concerned poorly parked cars could hinder emergency vehicles.

He said: "We have not experienced but we take concerns of members of the public very seriously and will monitor the situation over the next few days."

Young achievers

A GROUP of 23 young people from Sandwell and Walsall were congratulated on their achievements at an official ceremony attended by a delegation from Sandwell's French twin, Le Blanc Mesnil.

The youngsters are among the first in the country to join the National Citizens' Service (NCS) and have gained a range of new skills and qualifications.

This new national community empowerment initiative aims to help people make a positive impact on their own communities by staging events and helping others.

Caribbean bakery celebrates 45 years

A SANDWELL specialist food business is celebrating its 45th birthday in style after recent sales growth put it on course for a record year.

Sunrise Bakery, which employs 27 people in Smethwick, is set to see turnover rise significantly as more high street multiples choose to stock its range of hard dough bread and spice buns.

Products of the Caribbean food firm is already sold in more than 90 Asda stores and 60 Tesco outlets across the UK and by over 250 independent retailers.

It marks strong pattern for the business, which was first founded by Herman Drummond and William Lamont after the duo had worked at a similar bakery in the Midlands.

"2011 is a big year for Sunrise and we're planning a series of events to mark the occasion, including further investment in our production facilities and the launch of a new product," said managing director Errol Drummond.

Sunrise Bakery was set up in 1966 to cater for the rapidly growing Caribbean population in and around Birmingham and the Black Country.

The demand for hard dough bread helped the enterprising duo build a network of local shops and, with 'word of mouth' generating more sales, the company began to grow and in 1980 relocated to its current site in Smethwick.

From here, a steady programme of investment in machines and the automation of production lines has helped expand its product range.

Its delivery network grew to cater for shops as far North as Yorkshire and down to London and the South East.

Ingredient

Mr Drummond, who took total control of the company in 2009, said: "The business has moved on considerably since my father and William Lamont started it during the 60s, but one important ingredient has remained the same and that is the commitment to creating products that boast the traditional taste of the Caribbean."

Pictured at Sunrise Bakery in Smethwick are, from left, Merle Whilby, Errol Drummond and Henry Foster

Backed by consultants Business Tank, Sunrise has ambitious plans to target other high street multiples and increasing its geographic coverage.

With more than one million loaves produced annually, the firm is reaching full capacity and has hinted at the possibility of moving to larger premises in the Black Country or Birmingham.

"It's important for us to stay in the local area as most of our staff live within five or 10 minutes of our bakery," said Mr Drummond.

"The challenge we face is finding a suitable location that offers us the chance to house our entire operation on one site and provides capacity for future growth."

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Jayne Timmins at Wednesbury Llibrary, inviting people to join a dressmaking course

Course is sew useful

SEWING classes are on offer at Wednesbury Library.

A range of abilities will be covered by the classes which began this week.

The Walsall Street library will host three classes every Monday for the 10 weeks afterwards.

A class for advanced sewers will be held from 10am-12pm, a mixed ability class will be from 1-3pm, and complete beginners will be taught from 4-6pm.

Organisers say the classes will turn around people's wardrobes and show them how to transform clothes they already have.

Jayne Timmins, who is helping to organise the courses, said: "It's kind of a type of upcycling if you like, recycling material from another dress you might like or reshaping a garment you already have in a completely new style."

Furnishings

Visitors to the classes can decide what they want to make, ranging from soft furnishings to clothes.

The classes cost £60 for 10 weeks or £30 with a concession.

Call Mrs Timmins or Lesley Donnelly on (0121) 502 6261 for more information.

Fresh appeal over stolen jewellery

POLICE are re-appealing for information after precious medals and jewellery stolen from a house in Wednesbury.

The burglary took place between 5pm and 5.45pm on Thursday, September 8, at a home in Myvod Road.

The owner came home to hear a noise inside his house and found that a rear door had been smashed by intruders, who had then searched the property and stolen the personal items.

Detective Constable Lindsay Marsh, from Sandwell CID, said: "During this burglary a large quantity of jewellery was stolen, worth up to £3,000.

Sentimental

"Some of the items are heirlooms which had been passed down through the family and are of sentimental value.

"In addition, a number of medals were stolen, including a Northern Island medal, which is engraved around the rim, a Queen's Jubilee medal, and a German officer's naval dagger, which is engraved.

"The offenders also took a few electrical items."

The victims are said to be very upset by the crime and desperate to get their belongings back.

Dc Marsh added: "We urge anyone with information regarding the burglary, or the whereabouts of the stolen goods, to call us ."

Call the police on 0345 113 5000 or anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Zebra crossing – despite objections

BOSSES at Sandwell Council have approved plans for a zebra crossing in Tipton despite objections from nearby residents.

The crossing will be installed on Victoria Road and will cost £9,700.

The council had received objections against the plan from six residents on Victoria Road, on the basis of a lack of consultation. They added that there had been no accidents at the location and they believed there was no real danger.

However, senior council member Councillor Derek Rowley approved the plan.

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Peter Tinkler, David Calcutt and Helen Calcutt, who are launching an art and poetry project inspired by Sandwell Valley Park, following an arts council grant

Valley inspires art and poetry

THREE artists have been awarded a grant for a project inspired by Sandwell Valley.

Poet David Calcutt will be working with his daughter, poet Helen Calcutt, andillustrator Peter Tinkler on the project, made possible thanks to £8,500 from the Arts Council. It will see them create poetry and art inspired by landscape, history and stories from Sandwell Valley Country Park in West Bromwich. The trio will also be working with three primary schools – Harvills Hawthorn in West Bromwich, Woodlands in Wednesbury and Butts in Walsall – to encourage pupils to create their own poetry and art about the park.

Mr Calcutt, aged 60, said: "We are keen to encourage people to become more aware of the world around them, especially the natural world."

Award nomination

A WEST Bromwich woman who hasn't let disability hold her back has been nominated for a national award given by the charity Sense.

Maureen Marshalleck has been shortlisted for Deafblind Person of the Year.

Ms Marshalleck aged 46, will find out if they have won at a ceremony in London's Sadler's Wells Theatre to be hosted by choreographer Arlene Phillips later this month.

Solar future at stations

FIRE chiefs will install solar panels on 12 sites in the West Midlands as part of a £2.5 million scheme to cut energy use. The first site earmarked for the panels is Handsworth Community Fire Station. Chiefs are continuing to identify a further 11 suitable sites.

Searching for the big stink

MONITORING equipment to reveal the cause of a pungent mystery smell in Cradley Heath will take place this week

Cradley Heath Councillor Ann Shackleton has been working with the Environment Agency about proposed equipment to establish the cause of a "bad smell" around Station Road.

Cadets fight plan for housing on land next to HQ

AN OLDBURY air cadet squadron committee says it will fight plans to sell the former Langley Hall site for housing.

The 888 Oldbury Squadron Air Training Corps had hoped to take charge of the land on Vicarage Street. The land is next to its current base but the corps has been told by Sandwell Council chiefs that it is going to be sold for development instead.

For the past 18 months members of the committee have been lobbying the council to let them take over the site.

Tracy Hughes, chairman of the squadron civil committee, said they had hoped to resurface the land so that the squadron could use it as a space to park their mini buses on and also for its drills and parades. The committee hoped the community could use it for car boot sales and markets. She said: "We just wanted to use it for our outdoor activities."

Currently the cadets have to travel by bus to a Territorial Army site for drills and parades.

Earlier this year the Langley Hall residents association and the squadron presented the council with a 2,000 strong petition calling for them to be given the site.

Ms Hughes said: "We believe the decision by the council is very shortsighted. Our plan would benefit the whole community."

The committee have now already started the process of appealing the decision.

Sandwell Council cabinet member for jobs and economy Councillor Ian Jones said: "I can't agree with the squadron's request because of the financial position of the council. We need to dispose of that land at commercial rates. We will however work with the squadron, because it is a great asset to the community."

Convictions at Warley magistrates court

RECENT convictions at Warley Magistrates Court included:

Nigel Stephen Littlewood, aged 50, of Latham Crescent, Tipton: Given a 12 month community order, ordered to complete a structured intervention domestic abuse workbook and ordered to pay £85 costs for causing assault by beating.

Arshid Mohmood (aliases: Arshid Mahmood and Tariq Mohmood), aged 34, of Dawson Road, Handsworth: Jailed for 20 weeks for stealing two bottles of Cognac and a bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey to the value of £81.41 from Asda and for failing without reasonable exc-use to surrender to custody at Warley Magistrates Court having been released on bail.

Lisa Roberts, aged 37, of Peel Way, Tividale: Given a 12 month suspended sentence and ordered to pay £200 compensation for assaulting two people by beating.

Mark Robert Southall, aged 22, of Blades Road, West Bromwich: Given a 12 month community order, 200 hours unpaid work and ordered to pay £500 compensation for having entered a dwelling as a trespasser with intent to steal therein.

Waqas Ullah, aged 21, of Churchill Road, Handsworth: Fined £200 with £60 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Vauxhall Corsa on A41 Black Country New Road without a licence or insurance and for having wilfully obstructed a police constable in the execution of his duty.

Julian Dale Smith, aged 40, of Foxhills Park, Netherton: Given a two year community order and restraining order, given a 24 month exclusion requirement, ordered to pay £150 compensation and £200 costs for causing assault thereby occasioning someone actual bodily harm.

Christine Ann Pritchard (alias: Christine Pritchard and Christina Ann Pritchard), aged 62, of Boscobel Avenue, Tipton: Fined £525 with £80 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Renault Clio on Owen Street without a licence or insurance.

Omar Sey, aged 33, of Fernwood Croft, Tipton: Fined £525 with £80 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for driving a Rover on Ponis Avenue without a licence or insurance.

Umesh Khurana, aged 40, of Devonshire Road, Smethwick: Fined £400 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and disqualified from driving for 20 months for driving a Mercedes on Queens Road while exceeding the prescribed limit of alcohol.

Shamilla Akhtar, aged 27, of Vicarage Street, Oldbury: Fined £55 with £85 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed three points on licence for driving a Vauxhall Corsa on Langley Green Level Crossing failing to comply with a red light traffic signal.

Neil Michael Jones, aged 20, of Arthur Road, Tipton: Given a 12 month community order, 160 hours unpaid work and ordered to pay £85 costs for being in possession of a quantity of cannabis and for failing without reasonable excuse to surrender to custody at Warley Magistrates Court having been released on bail.

Jagjit Singh, aged 29, of Hessian Close, Coseley: Fined £525 with £80 costs, ordered to pay £15 victim surcharge and endorsed six points on licence for failing to give information to the police relating to the identification of the driver of a Ford Mondeo who was alleged to have been guilty of an offence.

Sight loss

A VISION awareness day will be held in Sandwell on October 12.

The aim is to raise awareness of the impact of sight loss and resources available to people who have a visual impairment.

It will run from 11am until 2pm at the Independent Living Centre in Oldbury Road, Smethwick.

For further details contact either Navinder Vilkhou, Michelle Challens or Shaireen Chaudhry at the Independent Living Centre on (0121) 558 5555 or email navinder_vilkhou@sandwell.gov.uk

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Fruit carving teacher Shabiena Alim (centre) with Zeba Begum (left), Wahida Chowdhury and Marzana Chowdhury (right)

Donation helps women carve their own future

FRUIT carving lessons have proved popular at a religious centre in Smethwick.

Ladies at the Bangladeshi Islamic Centre (BIC) on Lewisham Road have been taking part in the free sessions organised by the centre's women's development project, funded by a donation from the Big Lottery Fund.

A professional tutor taught up to 40 women how to create innovative designs with various fruits and vegetables such as sweet potatoes, water melons, cucumbers and carrots.

Of the popularity with women, Islamic centre manager Abdul Subhan, from Smethwick, said: "This programme has empowered them to become active and engaged citizens of the community." Women's development worker Rehana Begum added: "It was so pleasing to see isolated women of all ages come together and have fun and learn at the same time."

The centre offers a range of activities including exercise, yoga and health awareness. Visit www.bicentre.org.uk or call (0121) 558 8204 for more information.

West Bromwich is noisiest part of the borough

WEST Bromwich is the worst place in Sandwell for complaints about noise, it has emerged.

Figures released to the Sandwell Chronicle's sister newspaper, Express and Star reveal that in the 12 months up to March this year, Sandwell Council received 230 noise complaints about the town. This compares with 204 in Oldbury and 185 in Smethwick.

Statistics given under Freedom of Information laws showed the noisiest individual street in West Bromwich was Dial Lane where there were seven complaints. Meanwhile, Thomas Street had six complaints.

Dale Street received most in Smethwick with six and Dingle Street was the loudest street in Oldbury with five complaints.

Tipton received 180 complaints with the most being in Owen Street where there were four. Great Barr received 48 complaints including four about the noise in Hillcrest Avenue.

Of the 72 complaints in Cradley Heath three were made in New Pool Road and three were made in Barrs Road.

There were 74 complaints in Rowley Regis and 91 in Wednesbury.

Traffic

Residents in Dial Lane, West Bromwich, pointed out their road was close to lots of industrial units and said the complaints were probably a result of noise from a high volume of traffic all day and night, particularly from lorries.

Retired office clerk and mother-of-one Margaret Morris, aged 69, said: "I am not surprised most complaints have been in this road.

"But I don't think it's due to neighbours having parties or anything like that. I think it's the heavy traffic.

"It starts at 6.30 in the morning and goes on for most of the day. There is not much of a lull at all."

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SANDWELL residents can inform all council services and Government agencies about a birth or a death through a single service.

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Council staff gather information from families and pass on the news to organisations, including Department for Work and Pensions, passport service, HM Revenue and Customs, housing, council tax, benefits office, social services, electoral services, DVLA and libraries. Call (0121) 569 2480.

Community sentence for mother who tried to steal OAP's purse

A MOTHER of five who tried to steal an 81-year-old's purse in a West Bromwich shop has been given a nine month community sentence.

Maria Kudrikova, aged 33, was spotted by staff putting her hand inside the bag of pensioner Alice Isherwood at the Bon Marche clothes store in King's Square, West Bromwich on July 29.

Mrs Maxine Jarousse-Jones, prosecuting, told the hearing on Thursday at Warley Magistrates Court that a store employee became suspicious of Kudrikova.

She said: "She was about to leave the store for her break when she saw this defendant very close behind the injured party.

"She decides to approach her and observed the defendant place her left hand in the injured party's bag which was hanging from her shoulder."

The employee called out to Kudrikova, who removed her hand and left the store, and told a security guard and the police were called.

Daughter

Mrs Jarousse-Jones said the defendant, of Burlington Road, West Bromwich had her eight-year-old daughter with her at the time of the incident.

She added that Kudrikova had completed an 18-month suspended sentence given in July 2007 for dishonesty.

Mr Richard Quinn, defending, said that Kudrikova, a Czech national, had mental health issues.

"Her husband tells me when the offence took place she was suffering from severe depression," he added.

Kudrikova had admitted attempted theft at a previous hearing.

Magistrates gave her a nine- month community order, with a supervision requirement that she carry out a specified activity for 21 days on the topic of victims' awareness.

Anthony McFarlane and Priscilla Kemjika get ready for Black History Month at The Public in West Bromwich

Free event is celebrating African-Caribbean culture

AN EVENT celebrating black history makes a return to a West Bromwich arts centre next week.

At The Public on New Street for a second year running, Black in Progress – The Experience is an all-day cultural showcase. From 10am to 4pm on Tuesday (October 11) the community is invited to join in the celebration of modern local black culture, including talent and food, at the free event held as part of Black History Month.

Exhibitions

Throughout the day there will be stalls, exhibitions, African and Caribbean artefacts and food, dance and drum workshops.

The event has been organised by the African Caribbean Health Improvement Service and will be managed by Dorcas Housing and Community Support Association.

Priscilla Kemjika, from Dorcas, said: "I get a great sense of achievement when I see the whole community from different backgrounds and ages all coming together to have a fun time. This event is free but also of a very high standard and all are welcome to come along and celebrate black culture with us."

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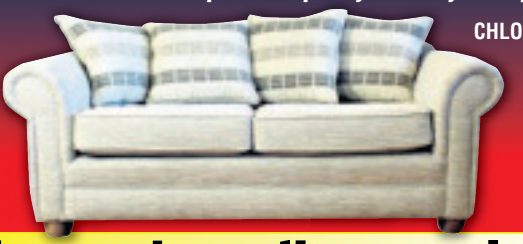

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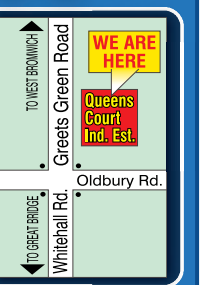

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Garden of remembrance planned for the cemetery

A REMEMBRANCE garden to commemorate the fallen heroes of two world wars will be created in Wednesbury.

The lasting tribute will be planted in Wood Green Cemetery.

A sea of poppies reminiscent to Flanders Fields was planted around a cross earlier this year and new plans will add to that and the existing war memorial at the military sections of the cemetery.

The move will also tie in with the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion.

Plans include a memorial containing the names of all of the 42 soldiers buried, some in unmarked graves, near to the cemetery's notice board.

The cemetery's group of friends is behind the idea. The group was created after yobs defaced tombstones and damaged monuments in a series of attacks.

Members want to maintain the historic cemetery, which dates back to 1868.

Group president Tony Mallam, aged 74, who also organises a Remembrance Day event at the cemetery each year attended by the British Legion, said: "There should be a remembrance garden there. These people gave their lives for Queen and country and I think it's important to keep remembering that every day. I'd like it if we could also better look after the graves, perhaps also involving local people."

Zeppelin

Many of the soldiers buried at the site are from the Wednesbury area. Among them are 13 people killed in a Zeppelin attack on the town in 1916.

Former Wednesbury Mayor John Kilbert is also buried in the cemetery. Mr Kilbert was wounded in the historic Charge of the Light Brigade.

Councillor Peter Hughes, who is secretary of the friends group, added: "There's an area by the new fencing which could be dedicated to a garden of remembrance for the town. Now the fencing is being installed, we can think about making the cemetery into a focal point of the town as a memorial and creating a kind of historical visitors' centre. In the same way as the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, we could make it into a really peaceful harbour for people."

Seeds for the poppy field were planted by pupils from Albert Pritchard School in April after being donated by West Brom Flowers.

Library assistants Tracey Onions, seated, and Jennifer Alder promote the Summer Reading Challenge at Smethwick Library in High Street

Reading campaign success

YOUNG bookworms who joined Smethwick library for this year's reading challenge have marked the end of another successful summer with a special ceremony.

The annual event, which takes place during the six-week holiday, drew to a close last month with a party and ceremony to reward all those who took part. Children received a medal to mark their involvement in the national event which this year was based around the theme of circus.

Tracey Langley, supervisor at the library, said: "The challenge is always a success and really encourages children to make the most of their local libraries during the summer holidays. It also gives them a huge confidence boost in time for the start of their new school term."

Chance for Tomorrow's stars

AN amateur dramatic group in Cradley Heath are looking for dancers and chorus members to join them for a production of Annie the Musical, the show about little orphan Annie that includes the songs Tomorrow and Hard Knock Life.

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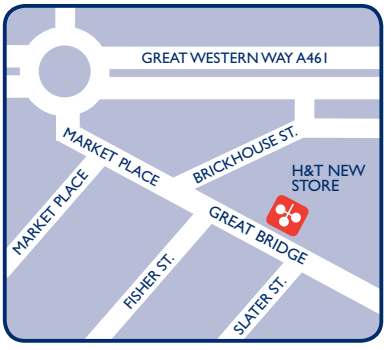

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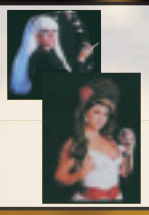

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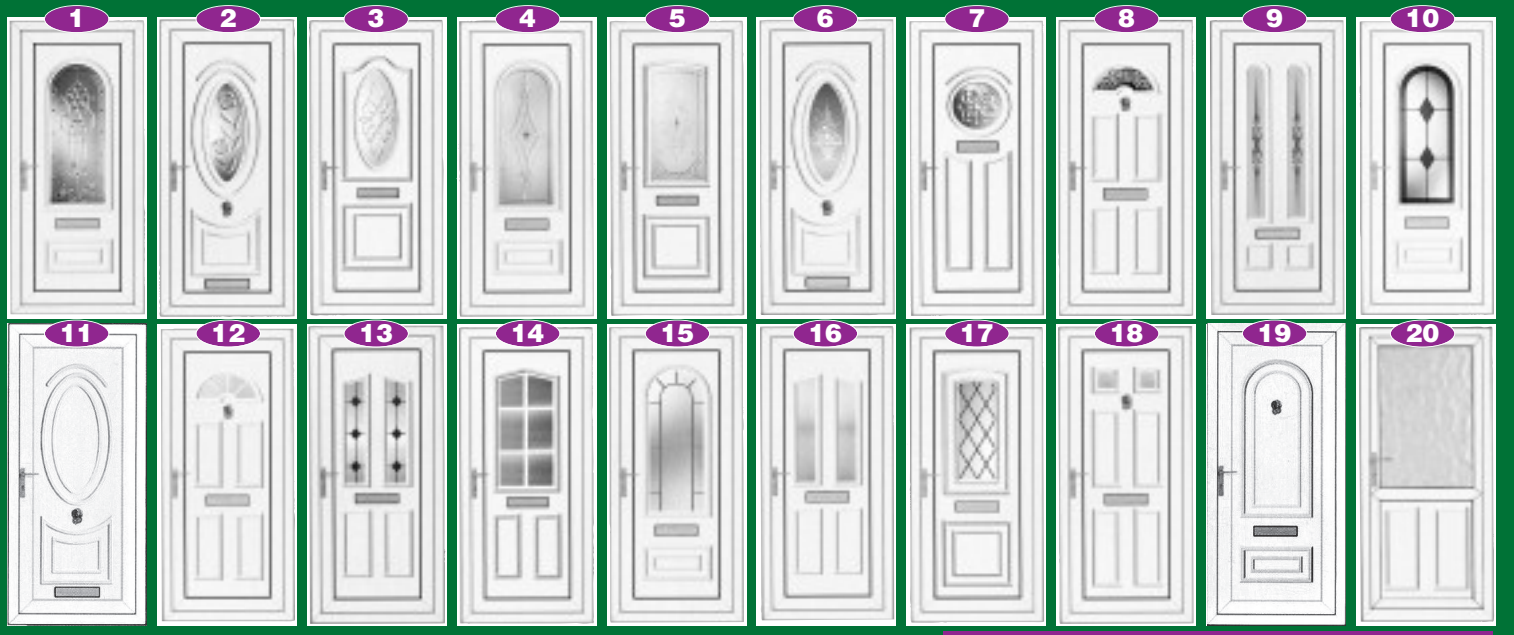

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Rose fan Edward Enfield

Favourite – Stutter's gold

Delicate bloom – china rose

Sprays will stop black spot

HE used to enter shows for his prize roses, but now writer, broadcaster and gardening enthusiast Edward Enfield, father of Harry, is just happy to enjoy them in his own garden

Writer and broadcaster Edward Enfield may be best known for his entertaining observations on old age and travel and for being the father of comedian Harry Enfield, but he's also an expert in the garden, particularly when it comes to roses.

With 50 years of gardening experience under his belt in the garden of the house he has lived in throughout that time, set in three-quarters of an acre in West Sussex, he now shares some of his horticultural experiences in his latest book, Growing To A Ripe Old Age.

For a while, he became obsessed with roses, he admits, joining the Royal National Rose Society (RNRS) and entering his roses in the Billingshurst Show. "Roses can become an obsession, a mania, a disease, and I caught it.

"Some of the madder members (of the RNRS) refer to themselves by the fairly frightful sobriquet of 'rosarians', and while I never went as far as that, I went pretty far.

"I got all the society's books and used to sit up late into the night with catalogues of roses, planning and re-planning beds of different shapes with roses of different combinations to go in different parts of the garden."

He's grown all manner of roses, from hybrid teas and floribundas, to China roses, David Austin roses, shrub roses, ramblers and more, and has even tried growing roses from seed.

"I am pleased to say that sanity has returned and we are now down to one excellent rose bed with a few other roses here and there," he reflects.

During his show days, he used to spray his roses to stop black spot and mildew, took action against greenfly and other aphids and would strip all but one bud from the leading shoots in the hope of obtaining one perfect bloom on each, but these days, the former columnist for The Oldie is more relaxed about his roses.

Heights

"My bed isn't colour co-ordinated. I'm very bad on colours. Anyway, I don't believe that roses ever clash. So any mixed bed will look OK as long as you have the heights right, so obviously don't put the short-growing ones in the middle, or they'll disappear."

Today, he has one main rose bed comprising mainly hybrid teas, with the occasional David Austin thrown in, and another smaller one in the vegetable patch which he uses for cutting. He grows around a dozen varieties but among his favourites is 'Sutter's Gold'.

"It's quite an old rose, but for all its failings, in that it doesn't last very long in water, it has a wonderful scent, grows on lovely long stems and produces blooms of a perfect shape."

He thinks it's best to grow roses in one bed and to feed them three times – once in spring, another in summer and the third in autumn – and spray them against fungi and mildew once a fortnight throughout summer.

"You can choose an insecticide which says is green, organic and generally harmless properties, but I find these also to be harmless to the creatures they are meant to kill. So I can only suggest that you look in the garden centre and choose some poison which somehow persuades you that it might do the job."

He also takes care over pruning, although he recalls an experiment by in which one lot of rose bushes were pruned lightly, another lot heavily and a third were hacked with a hedge cutter.

"To the great surprise of one and all, those hacked off with the hedge cutter did the best," he recalls, although he's never been brave enough to do that to his own roses."I go and do it all properly," he sighs, "pruning them twice, cutting out the dead wood and spindly little growths in autumn, then shortening the main stems so they don't rock about in the wind.

"Then in March, when growth is about to start, I prune them some more, where possible cutting to an outward eye, where a group of leaves join the stem."

A final tip to boost your roses?

"Roses rather like Epsom salts, which is magnesium sulphate, and probably will do extra well if you put a teaspoon of Epsom salts into the spray, when you are spraying the leaves."

Edward's book, Growing To A Ripe Old Age, by Edward Enfield, is published by Summersdale, price £9.99.

Smart way to travel

CROSSCOUNTRY Trains has launched a new 'app' for rail passengers with smartphones which allows customers to buy and receive tickets directly on their mobile.

CrossCountry, which has the most extensive rail franchise in the UK, is making the 'Train Tickets' application available for those thousands of pocket-patting passengers who fret over losing their ticket. As well as the ability to purchase 'm-tickets', the app will offer integrated real time departure and journey information to keep passengers informed before and when they are on the move.

The m-tickets bought via the app are kept in a virtual ticket wallet and the inspector can check them on the phone rather than the passenger relying on a paper ticket, thus eliminating the flurry of pocket searching that some rail users go through when asked to produce their ticket – as well as the time spent queuing to collect tickets.

Andy Cooper, managing director at CrossCountry said: "The 'Train Tickets' app will help to transform the process of travelling by train. The innovative approach to m-tickets taken by CrossCountry has made it possible to deliver a simple and secure mobile ticketing solution for customers that will help transform the experience of buying rail tickets."

The 'Train Tickets' app supports iPhone, Blackberry, Android and Nokia smartphones as well as most other 'smart' handsets. Developed by technology specialists Masabi, it can be downloaded from major app stores or by texting 'Travel' to 87080.

The 'Train Tickets' app

RAIL users from the Black Country and Birmingham can make use of a new railcard being exclusively trialled in the West Midlands.

The new Two Together Railcard, launched by the rail companies in September, allows couples, pairs of friends or family members travelling together to get one third off their train tickets to destinations across the country.

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Residents can buy the new railcards from all 78 stations in the Birmingham and Black Country region.

Andrew Robertson, head of marketing for National Railcards said, "We are extremely pleased to be launching this Railcard trial exclusively at selected stations in the West Midlands, which is one of the busiest hubs for train travel across the country.

Benefit

"Some people can already benefit from Railcard savings, such as young adults, over 60s and families, but the Two Together Railcard enables any two adults, whatever their age or relationship, to save a third on rail travel when they travel together.

"We hope that this Railcard will increase train travel regionally and, if successful here, we will look at rolling it out across the country in the near future."

For more information, visit www.twotogether-railcard.co.uk or pick up a leaflet from your local rail station.

ENGLISH Heritage has unveiled details of its most extensive autumn/winter event programme ever, incorporating a host of workshops, walks and other activities to bring more visitorsto its historic sites across the West Midlands.

"Our events during school holiday times are always created to offer wide-ranging appeal but over the winter months we're going to be hosting activities linked to many different niche interests – from cookery to photography – alongside family fun," said English Heritage regional events manager Karen Pike. "We've got some wonderful indoor spaces at sites like Kenilworth Castle and Wroxeter Roman City which we'll be putting to good use over the winter months."

Highlights of the programme include:

A photowalk around the grounds of Witley Court with landscape photographer, Nick Meers, offering support and guidance on how to make the most of your digital camera (Friday, November 18, and Friday, February 24);

A Christmas cake decorating workshop at Kenilworth Castle, under the tutelage of sugarcraft teacher Lynne Rigby (Thursday, December 8);

Traditional games and toy-making workshops at Kenilworth Castle, from December 27 to 30 December;

Debates at Wroxeter Roman City, looking at the implications of Rome's great fire and discussing the fate of the amous 'lost' Roman Legion (January 26 and February 28).

And for those getting into the Halloween spirit, visitors will be able to explore Kenilworth Castle after dark in a series of themed ghost tours around the site every month.

A full list of all of English Heritage's autumn/winter event programme is available online at the English Heritage website, found at:

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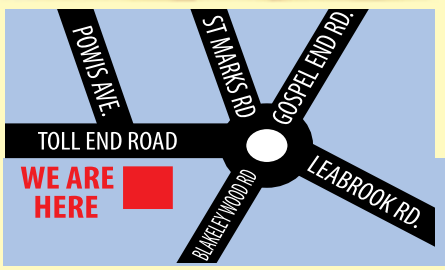

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A scene from Birmingham Royal Ballet's Beauty and the Beast
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A beautiful Beast

Beauty and the Beast, Birmingham Royal Ballet, Hippodrome

THE dancing was superb but that pretty much goes without saying when you are referring to the Birmingham Royal Ballet. However, this production of Beauty and the Beast has so much more – amazing costumes, magical scenery and a lot of comic touches.

This towering gothic fairytale comes from the creator of Birmingham Royal Ballet's smash-hit Cinderella and basically tells the story of a cruel prince, cursed to spend the rest of his life living in a fantastical castle with the animals he callously hunted, who then finds salvation in the heart of a beautiful girl. Caught stealing a single rose, Belle's desperate father exchanges his life for his youngest daughter's freedom. In his distant castle the Beast, stripped of his handsome features and his very humanity, must win her heart, or spend the rest of his life in bitter solitude.

A beautiful girl, a hideous beast, a golden ballroom full of animals, two outrageously haughty sisters and a grumpy grandmother dance, prance and rage through the unfolding pages of Philip Prowse's stunning storybook sets, bringing to life magical transformations, wild waltzes, soaring formations of birds and a developing relationship between Belle and the Beast.

There are many lighter moments, particularly with the two sisters who take on an almost panto-style role (like the two ugly sisters) and the ridiculous courting dance of potential suitor Monsieur Cochon (Johnathan Payn) was superb. But the real treat was the exquisite dancing by Belle (Nao Sakuma) and The Beast (Iain Mackay).

Autumn Glory is performed by the Birmingham Royal Ballet at Birmingham Hippodrome from today (Thursday) to Saturday, October 8.

Sue Attwater

Shang Hi by Cirque du Ceil, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

THIS colourful show tells the story of teenage girl Yan Yang and her mysterious journey of discovery.

Starting with film footage, which illustrates the journey from Wolverhampton to China on a globe, the audience are shown scenes of China and the story unfolds of how this young girl is taken from modern-day China to the past –with the power of spirits – to discover the magic realm of the Cirque.

All very easy when you know the story but a bit hard to follow on the night, but despite that there was no mistaking the ability of the performers who kept the audience spellbound for almost two hours. Set within the bustling metropolis of Shanghai, jugglers, dancers, performers and acrobats together Yan Yang her realise her dream of becoming a circus performer.

The performances were quite spellbinding. Some of the positions by the contortionists were beyond belief. The traditional Chinese stunts with the aerial silks and 'monkey poles' were quite breathtaking. This highly-awaited internationally acclaimed production, originally directed by Cirque Du Soleil's Guy Caron, has come to the UK this year for the very first time and is well worth a visit.

Sue Attwater

The good, the bad and the spexy

Alan Carr, NIA Birmingham

WHEN toothy bespectacled comedian Alan Carr introduced his Spexy Beast show at Birmingham on Sunday, on his second night at the cavernous NIA venue as part of his first stand-up tour in four years, he said there would be good bits and bad bits (or words to that effect).

After his two sets, totally around 90 minutes, I realised this was no false modesty.

Carr's great strength is that he comes across as a chatty, exuberant friend with great quick wit and a tendency to spice their conversation with expletives and risque comments. Though even he had to work hard to create an atmosphere in the hangar-like venue.

Usually on TV he is sat down, so seeing him pace and, let's be frank, mince around the stage served as a reminder what a fine physical comedian he is. The video screens that flanked the stage were vital to catch those expressions that increased the impact of his gags by a significant factor. It also had a brief time delay which Carr pointed out meant he could turn around quickly and be taunted by a brief glimpse of his bald spot.

However, the Northampton comic's conversational style was also a downfall as he flitted from one subject to another – riots, drink, technology, getting old – and sometimes the gear changes crunched. With no overall theme developing there was no movement towards a comic crescendo, so his sets ended disconcertingly abruptly.

When his observational humour about human flaws was spot on – and it often was – he got big laughs but too many of his observations were only smile worthy and his flights of fancy didn't always take off (though I liked the idea of his nana sucking the chocolate off a Crunchie and trying to sell the bar to 'Cash For Gold').

With a little judicious self-editing Spexy Beast would have made a great one hour show, so high hopes for the DVD.

Leon Burakowski

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On trend with Stardoll

YOUNG fashionistas are hitting the internet to style their favourite celebs at hugely popular website Stardoll.

Combining fashion with social networking, the site has become a No.1 'net destination for tweens and younger teens. Now Random House Children's Books have signed a deal for a series of Stardoll books.

The new fashion season is kicked-off by *Stardoll: Top Trends* (£7.99) which looks at the latest autumn/winter styles that have walked off the catwalk and into the high street.

The *Fashion Factor* sticker book (£3.99) allows budding style queens to enjoy Stardoll fashion fun even without a screen at hand, while *Superstar Stylist* (£6.99) lets youngsters in on celebrity style and fashion tips.

Official

Stardolls strive for a unique, individual look and *My Style Diary* (£6.99) is its Stardoll branded diary for jotting down fashion ideas.

For those new to Stardoll, or who want to get the most out of the website, *Stardoll: The Official Handbook* (£4.99) is the must-have title with lots of insider information all the know-how to burst onto the Stardoll online fashion scene.

Stardoll is a hi-tech variation on that traditional girls' favourite, the paper doll that can be dressed in different clothes, and by September 2011 the website had more than 124 million users worldwide.

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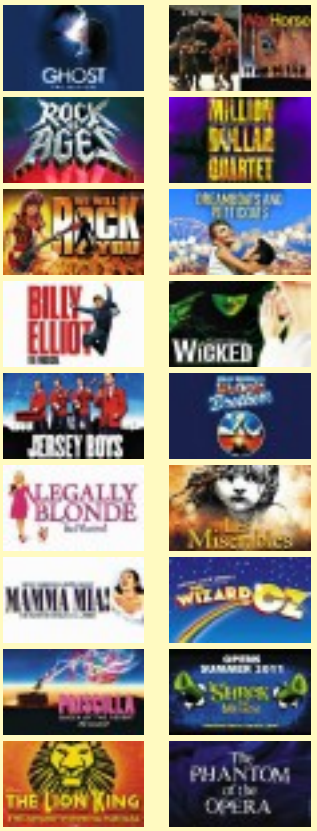

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See www.topgourmet.co.uk

OvenLove from Premier Housewares is a comprehensive range of stoneware and beech wood tools for baking and roasting. The Teflon-coated non-stick stoneware is an asset for any cook as it helps create the best results when dishing up homemade recipes, from flans and crumbles to pies and lasagnes – and is easy to clean afterwards. See the website www.premierhousewares.co.uk or main stockist Amazon.

Here little piggies – this novelty **Cilio Salt and Pepper Shaker** set from Gilbert's will perk up any table.

This quirky range of condiment sets has cats, dogs and cows too. Each pair is 10cm tall and sits in a little tray. The cost is £13 from website www.topgourmet.co.uk.

Haley's Corker is a super little five-in-one device to enhance enjoyment of wine.

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The black corker fits all corked bottles – so could be used for oil and vinegar – and the green one is for screw caps. They cost £5.75 each or £11.50 for a green and black twin pack.

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Uncorking the facts on finding good wine

WHEN chosing a bottle of wine, there are three "P"s to consider – the price, your preference and its pairing.

The price you are willing to pay (or not pay) for a bottle of wine is a key determining factor in selecting a wine that is right for you. Gone are the days when you could only buy a "good"bottle of wine for a high price.

There are plenty of very reasonable great wines available on half price or reduced offers, so it's worth searching around.

Then there's your preferences.

We all have them and they often change in a moments notice, but with wine preferences let them be swayed by what you will be drinking them with or who you will be sharing them with.

For example, if you are hosting a happy hour get together, your preferences might lean towards "safe"reds and whites.

For people that may not be accustomed to heavier-bodied, heartier wines, buy a softer merlot or pinot noir.

Different

For a white, look out for a refreshing gewurztraminer, but if you are looking for something a little bit different, then talk to your local wine merchant about wines, styles and labels, that you have enjoyed in the past and asking for specific recommendations should provide sufficient direction for another great find.

If you are new to wines and are looking for a few suggestions – try a riesling, gewurztraminer, or a muscat dessert wine if sweeter wines suit your fancy. If you prefer a dry white wine, then grab a pinot blanc, chardonnay, pinot gris or sauvignon blanc.

As for reds, starting with a gamay, pinot noir, or merlot if you do not want anything too complex or full-bodied. If you are looking for something a little different, then go with a Californian cabernet sauvignon, syrah (or shiraz if its from Australia) or a zinfandel.

And lastly, onto pairing. If you are looking for a wine specifically to pair with a special dinner party, then take into account what the key ingredients will be. Will it be white or red meat? Will you be using fresh or dried herbs and what types? Will the dish be spicy or fruit-filled?

In general, white wines go with lighter flavored meals really well; while, red wines often compliment heartier meals a bit better.

There's no need to pay over the odds to get a bottle of wine you really enjoy

If you're really stuck, go for pink and get the best of both worlds.

The choice of wine is all a matter of personal taste – but there are five main grape varieties and the aromas frequently associated with each might give you a clue to the taste.

Wines differ according to origin, grape variety, technique of manufacture and age. Origin is the most important clue to a wine's character and what they taste like.

The grape variety used in a wine has assumed major importance since New World wine lands such as California and Australia arrived on the scene. These lands generally label and name their wine according to the name of the grape, a trend that has spread back to Europe.

When choosing a bottle of wine you should ask yourself if you want a cool thirst-quencher or a wine to sip and savour? Do you want an everyday wine for an informal occasion, or a serious bottle for an important dinner?

So much choice can be daunting, but with a little help, you'll find the ones you enjoy and be talking about them like a master sommelier.

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As elegant as you would expect from a top Bordeaux chateau, this is good value at £7.99 from Waitrose. Also available from Majestic.

Dourthe Montagne Saint-Emilion Reserve 2009

From one of Bordeaux's leading producers, this is a luscious rich red that is silky smooth on the palate and boasts plenty of red fruit and spice notes.

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Couple who quit the Black Country to live on Welsh island

Living the good life beside the sea – Steve outside the converted stables on Anglesey

Llyn Alaw near Rhosgoch, Anglesey

The converted cottage on Anglesey which the couple rent out to holidaymakers

Life's a beach in Anglesey

IT MAY just be a couple of hours by car but for Black Country couple Steve Rist and Susan Owen, their new life on Anglesey is a world away.

Former engineer Steve, aged 46, spent 10 years working for Sankey Laminations in Bilston before the pair decided it was time to head for the sea.

And despite staying in touch with the fortunes of his favourite team, Wolves, Steve has never looked back – although he does miss old Black Country "grey paes".

The couple own a converted stables cottage at Rhosgoch and live there with dogs Sam, Sally and Jessie, their cats and their own chickens.

They are renting it out as a holiday home and have done particularly well since the Royal Wedding, as Prince William and Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, live on the island, attracting hoards of tourists looking for a glimpse of the newlyweds.

Steve says: "Business has been very good this year and we booked up early for the summer season which may be due in part to the Kate and Wills effect and the "staycation factor", where more people are holidaying in Britain."

"I think this is a real success story for Sue and myself," says Steve. "We are living the dream.

Overlooking

"We love it here. It's so peaceful and we are on the edge of lovely country to enjoy walking, horse riding or just chilling out."

Their holiday cottage has a loft which is a sort of mezzanine level, overlooking the living room, where the double bed goes.

Next door is the couple's own three bedroom home.

They have half and acre of garden and an orchard. It is a massive difference to their old home in Bilston, in a busy residential street.

Sue, aged 56, works as a receptionist for an orthodentist while Steve has got a job in a plastics factory.

She adds: "Steve has really got the gardening bug. He's growing all his own vegetables like he's trying to copy the Good Life.

"We've got the beach right on our doorstep and we can take the dogs for a walk down by the sea.

"Of course it's not the same as having the city on your doorstep like we did in Bilston. We have to go a lot further to the cinema and we can't just pop for an evening at the Grand Theatre."

The couple have got to know the area well in the nine years that they have lived in Anglesey, Sue says.

"We listen to our customers and we give them advice on where to go what to do. Anglesey is just a wonderful place and we count ourselves so lucky to be living and working here."

Liverpool born Sue met Steve at a football match between her team and Wolves.

She left her job working in tourist information centres in Liverpool and moved down to Bilston where she worked in various jobs, including a newsagent, while the couple lived in Station Road.

But Sue says: "I moved to Bilston to be with Steve about five years before we decided to head to Anglesey permanently.

Enjoyed

"I was working locally in the town but we both really enjoyed the countryside.

"We looked at some properties because we had fallen in love with Anglesey. After that there was just no going back.

"I had come into some money and we managed to get the capital together.

"It took us a while to look around and find the right place but Steve was able to find work out here as an engineer.

"I've always been one for the beach and moving from coastal Liverpool to landlocked Bilston was quite a difference for me."

The couple have recently hosted guests from Brussels in Belgium who had come specifically to cycle the new Copper Trail which is near to Amwlch.

But they are always keen to host people from the Black Country.

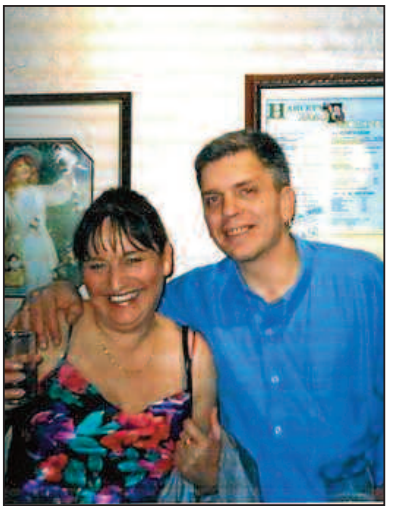
"Steve does like to keep up with the Wolves," Sue says.

"He'd be lost without his Sky TV subscription.

"But what he really misses about Bilston is the grey peas.

"There's a lot of Black Country people that regularly come on holiday here.

"So what he often does is say that the next time they come up would they bring him a supply of grey peas because you can't get them around here."



Steve Rist and Susan Owen at their Anglesey home

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How your money helps in a drought

By Sarah Hazelwood

A DUDLEY mum has travelled to Ethiopia to find out how money raised in the Black Country is helping those caught in the country's worst drought for 60 years.

Julia Hood, a volunteer at the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (Cafod), jetted off to East Africa, on September 19, to see how funds were aiding a community on the brink of survival.

Cafod is the Catholic agency supporting overseas development, working with more than 50 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to fight poverty and injustice.

This year parishes and schools across the Black Country have helped raise almost £15,000 for the East African appeal alongside a staggering £141,000 from the Birmingham Catholic Archdiocese, which Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton are all members.

Julia Hood with some of the Borana helpers in Ethiopia

Julia with Elema Wario, 60, who is from Borana

A dry watering hole, dug by the community who are hoping for rain this month

Sarite watering hole provides a vital source of water for the region's cattle

Encourage

After spending a week with Cafod and its partners visiting various communities overseas Julia, of Richborough Drive, who has worked for the agency for the past 13 years, said the money had so far helped produce larger and deeper water holes, mend a well which had been blocked for 21 years and aid in the clearance of land to encourage cattle grazing.

"To finally be able to see the work that takes place in East Africa and the difference our projects are having on the community was a real privilege," she said.

"I was extremely lucky to be able to go and see the ways donations from the Black Country help those living in such hardship.

"The money we collect is crucial to helping communities get through this extremely difficult time. They haven't had any rain since last March so it was a real shock to see the effects first hand.

"I am constantly amazed at the generosity shown by people especially at a time where finances are a worry for everybody.

"Although it is always difficult to hear these stories I have brought home with me a real message of hope – that even in difficult times there is still something we can do to improve the lives of so many disadvantage and truly wonderful people overseas."

The 48-year-old, mother of two, has done a massive amount to help raise funds over the past decade, inbetween working as a volunteer reading assistant at St Joseph's school which is in Dudley.

Before the trip Julia embarked upon a sponsored walk with parishioners from St Mary of the Angles, in Walsall, in a charity stroll from Aldridge to Lichfield.

She will be returning to the church in the next few weeks to tell them about her trip and the ways in which their donations are being spent.

With fundraisers throughout the year the next big event for Cafod is the Harvest fast day appeal, this Friday (October 7).

Collections

A host of schools and parishes take part with special collections and fundraising efforts to help fund the group's projects.

Julia, who travelled more than 500km from the capital Addia Ababa to Yabello in the Borana region of South Ethiopia, said: "We are very lucky to have so many committed supporters as without them our work wouldn't be possible.

"The money raised has given the community hope that they can get through this and they are just praying now that rain will fall this month.

"Livestock numbers are dropping fast but the well, which serves more than 3,000 cattle each day, puts them one step closer to saving their lively hoods. Some women from neighbouring communities walk for up to eight hours to use the well which shows just how important our help is.

"I would love to go back again to see the changes our money and support is making and again pass on my stories and show the people of the Black Country the huge difference they are making."

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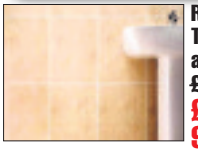

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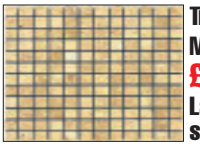

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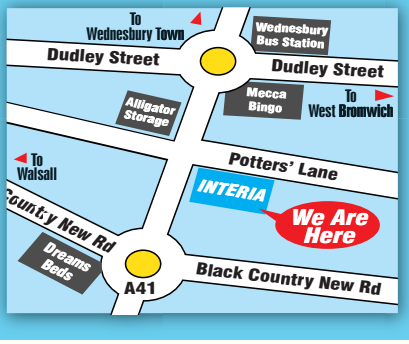

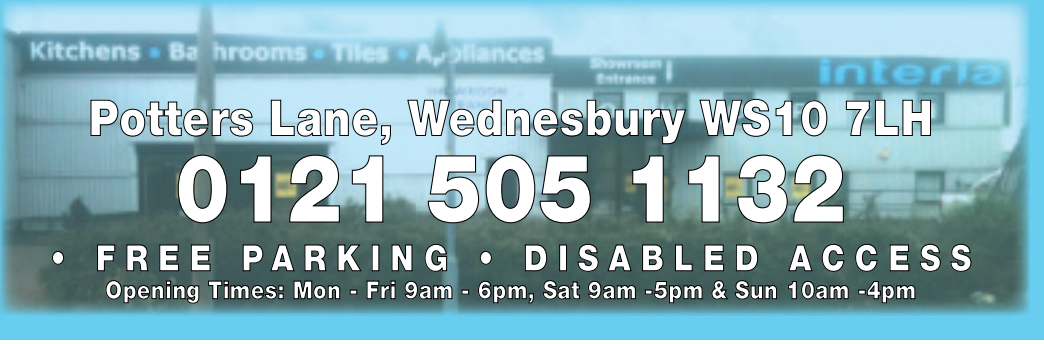

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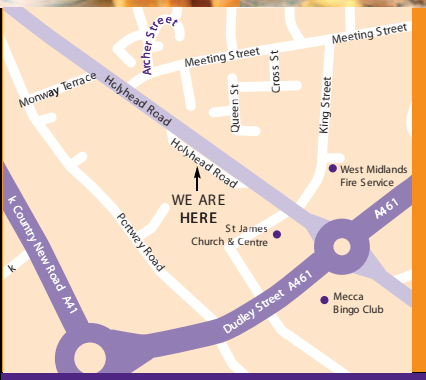

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Television's lead ladies on the magic of Merlin

Angel Coulby as Gwen in the hit TV series Merlin

Katie McGrath at the launch of The Dragon Tower

Katie starring as the dark sorceress Morgana

POPULAR fantasy drama Merlin, which has returned to Saturday night television screens for its fourth series, has made stars of its two leading ladies, Katie McGrath and Angel Coulby.

They represent good and evil in the action-packed retelling of Arthurian legend, with McGrath as the dark sorceress Morgana and Coulby as Gwen, the future Queen Guinevere.

During a break from filming in Wales and at a French castle, both actresses visited Warwick Castle to help launch The Dragon Tower, the castle's new attraction for 2011 in which fans of the TV show can meet the dragon from Merlin, which is voiced in the series by John Hurt.

And while they enjoy the robes and drama of Merlin, a worldwide TV hit made by Shine for the BBC, they both revealed they hoped their high profile will win them roles in American TV and film.

"I would really love to do something set in modern times," said raven-haired Irish actress Katie McGrath, who is aged 28. "I wish my next role could involve me wearing jeans, driving cars and lots of big explosions.

"I would like to go to America," added 31-year-old Londoner Angel Coulby. "But I would also love to work in British theatre, such as at the Royal Court or the Almeida."

Both are fervent supporters of their characters. Katie says Morgana was not born bad but pushed towards the dark side by the prejudices of others, not least King Uther Pendragon, Arthur's father, played by Anthony Head.

On Gwen/Guinevere, 31-year-old Angel said: "I like that she is going on this journey.

"She had very humble beginnings as a serving girl and goes on to become a queen. She is a people's person who fights for the underdogs. I like to think that if she was in a modern setting she would be a human rights lawyer, or something like that.

"I like how she has grown in strength and how she nurtures Arthur's good heart and brings that good quality out of him."

Angel wanted to be an actress from childhood and attended drama school in Edinburgh, getting her big break on TV in Johnny Vaughan's sitcom 'Orrible.

Katie took a more unusual route. After graduating in history from Dublin's Trinity College, she aimed for a career in fashion journalism and after a magazine job became a wardrobe assistant on the set of The Tudors. After being told by friends and colleagues that she should try acting, she finally won a role in front of camera on the very same show.

Vengeful

There are few actresses who look better in medieval garb and her minor role helped win the County Wicklow woman the more substancial role of wronged and vengeful Morgana in Merlin.

Not having had formal acting training makes Katie nervous of appearing in theatre – "there are no second and third takes on stage" – but maybe a Chekhov drama would tempt her one day because she has a passion for Russian literature, especially Tolstoy.

Both actresses were kept in the dark about their character's story arc as they made the fourth series but both seem likely to figure more prominently in the plot, as Gwen's royal destiny approaches and Morgana gives the young Merlin his toughest challenge when she summons demonic creatures to battle Arthur and his loyal knights.

With a fifth series likely and the show being a success worldwide from China to the US, it seems likely that Katie and Angel may not have to wait too long for Hollywood to come calling.

The fourth series of Merlin, featuring Colin Morgan as the young wizard, began last Saturday on BBC1 with The Darkest Hour, and that episode is still available to view on the BBC iPlayer until this Saturday's installment.

Fans of the show can encounter a waxwork of Colin Morgan and see props from the TV show, as well as getting up close and personal with a dragon, by visiting The Dragon Tower as part of a trip to Warwick Castle.

What's on at the region's big theatres

ZOONATION presents a modern musical comedy with **Some Like It Hip Hop**, a blend of dance with the theme of Hollywood cross-dressing comedy classic Some Like It Hot, at Birmingham Hippodrome from Tuesday to the following Saturday.

Meanwhile, pink and perky American musical **Legally Blonde**, introducing Faye Brookes as not-so-dumb blonde Elle Wood with Claire Sweeney as her hairdresser pal Paulette, continues at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre until October 15.

South Staffs Musical Theatre Company stages Broadway classic **Guys and Dolls** at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to the following Saturday.

Tonight (Thursday) and tomorrow night, Ace presents powerful contemporary dance piece **Ice** at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre.

At the same venue on Tuesday, Rumpus Theatre presents a spooky tale by Charles Dickens, **The Haunted Bride**, and on Wednesday, Two Gents stages **Kupenga Kwa Hamlet**, an African take on the Shakespeare classic with the action moved from Scotland to Zimbabwe.

Pierces concert not likely to be forgotten

The Pierces play in Birmingham on October 12

AMERICAN sisters The Pierces, who recently supported Coldplay at the iTunes Festival, bring their west coast sunshine sound to Birmingham venue The Glee Club on Wednesday, October 12. The Alabama-born, New York-based siblings have a new single out, It Will Not Be Forgotten, following their radio favourites Glorious and You'll Be Mine from their You & I album, produced by Coldplay's Guy Berryman.

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BBC1, 9.40pm

It's clear to see why doctors and nurses are perceived as angels. But not many of us believe they actually are. If only Maya knew that. Maya (Amber Berntson - Coming Of Age), blacks out while on a bridge and falls onto a car below. The vehicle is being driven by poor Charlie (Derek Thompson). Maya reveals that she sees angels and considers Charlie their instrument on Earth. Zoe (Sunetra Sarker) takes the case, but must act quickly when Maya blacks out once again. Elsewhere, worried recruit Scarlett (Madeleine Mantock) endures a hellish shift. Fortunately, she gets the chance to prove that she has what it takes to save a life.

BBC1

7.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **10.00** Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) **11.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Formula 1: The Japanese Grand Prix – Qualifying. **2.15** A Question of Sport. (R) **2.45** Don't Scare the Hare. **4.20** Film: Rubber. (1997) Children's comedy remake, starring Robin Williams. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.50** Celebrity MasterChef.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. The couples face the public vote for the first time.

8.00 Holby City. Part two of two. Arthur prepares to make the ultimate sacrifice.

9.15 The National Lottery: Secret Fortune. Quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Last in the series.

9.40 Casualty. Scarlett doubts her abilities as a nurse.

10.30 BBC News; Weather.

10.40 Outnumbered. Another guest arrives to stay with the family. Last in the series. (R)

11.20 Ash: Blood & Honour. With John Prescott, Russell Kane and Edith Bowman. (R) National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in League One and League Two.

12.45 Film: Highlander: The Source. (2007) Fantasy, starring Adrian Paul. **1.55** Weatherview. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.30** Film: The Gay Divorcee. (1934) Musical comedy, starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. **2.00** Film: The Importance of Being Earnest. (1952) Comedy, starring Michael Redgrave. **4.15** The Great British Bake Off: Masterclass. (R) **5.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **6.00** Flog It! (R)

9.30 A History of Ancient Britain. The origins of Britain and its people. (R)

7.30 A Tribute to David Croft. Profile of the late writer, producer and director.

7.30 Alle Wild. Communicate capture the airmen. (R)

8.00 Are You Being Served? Mrs Slocombe plans for a happy event. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring starts a recruitment campaign. (R)

9.00 Oil XL. With Sarah Millican, Jimmy Carr and Johnny Vegas. (R)

9.45 How the World Got Hooked Up. Documentary examining the complex history of international relationships and the shifts in attitudes that for centuries have created controversy and anxiety around the world.

11.15 FILE: Sida. (2008) Fact-based racial drama, starring Sophie Okonedo.

1.00 Later with Jools Holland. (R) **2.00** Film: Cuckoo. (1996) Black comedy, starring William Baldwin.

ITV1

6.00 Live Rugby World Cup. The second quarterfinal (Kick-off 8.30am). **11.15** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** Coronation Street. **12.15** The X Factor. (R) **5.00** Britain Does the Funniest Things. (R) **9.00** Rugby World Cup Highlights. **1.00** Regional Programmes. **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** New You've Been Framed!

9.00 All Star Family Fortunes. Peter Andre and Kate Thornton take part.

7.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. New series. Harry is back with his regular review of the week's small-screen highlights, promising co-ap spoofs, reality show send-ups and the odd flight or two.

7.30 The X Factor. The first of the live studio rounds, which see the final 18 acts perform in a bid to win viewers' votes and the approval of the judges. Presented by Dermot O'Leary. The results can be seen tomorrow at 8pm.

9.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Lady Gaga, Jamie Oliver and Lee Evans.

11.00 ITV News; Weather.

11.15 FILE: Pale Rider. (1985) Western, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.20** Film: Tremors. (1989) Comedy horror, starring Kevin Bacon. **4.35** Heist. (R) **5.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** Live Rugby World Cup. The third quarterfinal (Kick-off 8.00am).

Channel 4

6.00 The Hooks. (R) **6.15** The Film Show. (R) **7.00** Superbike World Championship 2011. (R) **7.15** British GT Championship 2011. **7.30** Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens: 'The Sharp End'. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.30** T4: The Crush. **9.15** T4: Smallville. (R) **9.30** T4: Made in Chelsea. **10.15** T4: Rihanna: Live at V Festival. **11.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. **1.15** Channel 4 Racing. **3.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** Come Dine with Me. (R)

9.30 Come Dine with Me. Paula Skelton hosts the final evening in Bury. (R)

9.55 Channel 4 News.

10.15 Strangers. Members of the public reflect on religious issues.

7.00 FILE: Star Trek. (2009) Sci-fi adventure, starring Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto.

10.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall. Last in the series.

11.30 4 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.

12.00 Rude Tube. (R) **1.00** Comedy Showcase: Fun Police. (R) **1.45** Film: Ulzana. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Rooney Mara. **3.00** My Friend Michael Sniff. (R) **3.30** What's Funny? (R) **4.00** This Is Jos. (R) **4.15** Accidentally on Purpose. (R) **4.45** Hill Street Blues. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.00** New Highland Emergency. (R) **11.30** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.30** Big Brother: The Eviction Interview. (R) **1.00** Film: Battle of the Bulge. (1965) Second World War drama, starring Robert Shaw. **4.15** Film: Gunfight at Black Horse Canyon. (1961) Western, starring Dale Robertson. **5.00** Film: Clash of the Titans. (1981) Mythical adventure, starring Harry Hamlin, Laurence Olivier and Maggie Smith.

7.30 It Takes Two to Tool.

8.00 11.05. Part one of two. Gibbs is injured in an explosion while conducting inquiries aboard a ship and lapses into a coma, during which he has flashbacks of his hidden past. (R)

9.00 11.05. Part two of two. Gibbs emerges from his coma with amnesia, meaning he is unable to provide the team with the information he had uncovered regarding a terrorist plot. (R)

10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of the latest going-on, including the latest eviction from the housemates' point of view.

11.00 Extraordinary People: The 4-Legged Boy. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **1.00** The FBI Files. (R) **1.30** Rough Guide to Adventures. (R) **2.00** Hank's Helpline. (R) **2.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **3.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **3.10** Fleury: the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2

3.00 The Xtra Factor 4.15 The Only Way Is Essex 5.45 Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) 7.15 Nicole Scherzinger: The Hot Dock 8.00 Homes from Hell 9.00 Home Is Where the Heart Is 10.00 The Xtra Factor 11.00 Celebrity Juice 11.55 Harry Hill's TV Burp

ITV3

3.55 Rosemary & Thyme 5.55 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Foyle's War 11.00 Wire in the Blood

ITV4

3.00 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 4.00 Police, Camera, Action! 5.00 Film: Brewster's Millions (1985) 7.00 Rugby World Cup Highlights 8.00 Minder 9.00 Film: Falling Down (1993) 11.20 Richard Bacon's Beer and Pizza Club

BBC THREE

7.00 World's Greatest Fools 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Live at the Apollo 10.00 Film: Alpha Dog (2006) 11.55 Family Guy

BBC FOUR

7.00 Life 8.00 Michael Wood's Story of England 9.00 Wallander: The Man Who Smiled 11.10 Sanditon

E4

12.15 Hollyoaks 4.00 Made in Chelsea 5.05 One Tree Hill 6.00 Samantha Who? 6.30 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Perfect Couples 8.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 Happy Endings 9.00 Film: Wedding Crashers (2005) Comedy starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn 11.15 The Cleveland Show

FILM

3.30 Minder Alone (1984) 5.00 Fatherhood (2009) 6.45 Cocoon: The Return (1988) 9.00 Beverly Hills Cop (1984) Comedy thriller, starring Eddie Murphy. 11.05 Eddie Murphy Raw (1987)

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Choice

BIG BROTHER
Channel 5, 9pm

For those of us who couldn't imagine what we'd do with ourselves when reality boxes announced the demise of our Big Brother, we really needn't have worried - because when the leading lights at Channel 5 think they are on to a good thing like a dog with a bone, you know they aren't going to let it rest easily. And so it was with glee (for the most part) that we welcomed back Cely's biggest ever reality show, albeit to a different home and with a different presenter. Love it or loathe it, Big Brother has played a huge part in our lives, often sparking controversy with racial issues, bullying and lacklustre affairs but above all that, it's remained entertaining.

BBC1

9.00 Formula 1: The Japanese Grand Prix – Live. The 15th round of the season from the Suzuka Circuit (Start-time 7.00am). **11.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.45** Sunday Morning Live. **12.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** The Politics Show. **1.00** Escape to the Country (R). **2.00** Bargain Hunt. **2.30** Formula 1: The Japanese Grand Prix. **5.00** Planet Dinosaur. (R) **5.50** Points of View. **5.55** Songs of Praise.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.25 Countryfile. The winner of the 2011 Countryfile Photographic Competition is revealed, and Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison visit the Mawddach Estuary in Snowdonia, including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.25 Strictly Come Dancing. Will Young performs on the show, and one couple are eliminated.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. From Blair Castle in Perthshire.

9.00 Spooks. An attempt is made on Elena's life.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 We Have the Sky Down. The band discuss the making of their 1991 album Achtung Baby.

11.25 Weatherview. **11.30** Sign Zone: A Farmer's Life for Me. (R) **2.00** Holby City. (R) **3.00** Windfarm Wars. (R) **4.00** BBC News.

BBC2

9.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.40** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.40** EastEnders. **2.25** Film: The Man Who Would Be King (1975). **4.40** Rugby League. **5.40** James May's Things You Need to Know. (R)

6.00 Dragons' Den: How to Win in the Den. How the strength of an idea is key to success in the Den. (R)

7.00 Top Gear. The team tackles Britain's problems with cars. (R)

8.00 City Beneath the Waves: Pompeii. Archaeologists use submersible robots and computer simulations to investigate the world's oldest submerged city, which lies off the southern coast of the Greek mainland.

9.00 It's Pure Verse. Stephen Fry explores bad language, finding out from Brian Blessed how swearing can help relieve pain and discussing with Armando Iannucci and Omid Djalili its power in comedy.

10.00 I.E.D. Kills. (2008) Premiere. Biopic of politician and activist Harvey Milk, who became America's first openly gay elected official in the 1970s. With Sean Penn, James Franco and Josh Brolin.

12.00 Mock the Week. (R) **12.40** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **1.40** BBC News. **2.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 Live Rugby World Cup: New Zealand v Pool B runner-up (Kick-off 8.30am). **11.00** ITV News; Weather. **11.12** Film: War Games. (1983) Thriller, with Matthew Broderick, Ally Sheedy and John Wood. **1.20** The X Factor. (R) **3.10** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.05** Rugby World Cup Highlights.

9.05 Regional Programmes.

9.12 ITV News; Weather.

9.28 Harry Hill's TV Burp. A review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

7.00 Holiday Getter's Here. Three more contestants take part.

8.00 The X Factor. Dermot O'Leary announces the outcome of the viewers' phone-in and the acts with the fewest votes have to sing again. Reigning X Factor champion Matt Cardle performs his new single.

9.00 Downton Abbey. Ethel is flirting with Major Bryant and is her in trouble.

10.12 That Sunday Night Show. With Al Murray, Hilary Devey and John Prescott.

10.52 ITV News; Weather.

11.00 Sunday Edition. Melanie Sykes catches for the beneficiary of an 85-year-old savings policy. Last in the series. (R)

12.00 Premiership Rugby Union. **12.35** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Motorsport UK. **2.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.20** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

9.00 The Teacle People. (R) **9.20** The Hooba. (R) **9.40** The Hooba. (R) **7.00** Stockton River Rat Race. **7.30** European Wheelchair Fencing Championships 2011. (R) **8.05** Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson 'Into the Blue' (R) **8.00** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **9.00** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.15** T4: Johnny English Reborn. T4 Movie Special. **12.00** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.40** Film: T4: Remembering the Stone. (1984) Comedy, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. **2.40** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **3.05** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **3.40** Deal or No Deal. **4.15** Grand Designs. (R) **5.15** Channel 4 News.

9.05 Strangers. Members of the public reflect on religious issues.

9.50 I.E.D. Terrorists' Revenge of the Tribes. (2009) Premiere. Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox.

7.00 Fighting on the Frontline. The lives of British infantry soldiers in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. Last in the series.

8.00 I.E.D. Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street. (2008) Musical horror, starring Johnny Depp.

11.10 The Big Bang Theory. **1.00** Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson 'The Colour Gold'. (R) **1.05** American Football Live: Atlanta Falcons v Green Bay Packers. (Kick-off 1.20am). **2.05** Ironman 70.3 Ireland. (R) **3.05** Grudge Match. (R) **3.55** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Rosie the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Bill and the Flowerbots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.40** Elmo's World. (R) **7.00** Rocket and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Save-Land. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Hank's Helpline. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **8.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.40** Rosie the Racing Car. (R) **9.55** Animal Families. (R) **10.00** The Best Goes On. **11.00** Big Brother. (R) **12.00** Superior Interiors with Kelly Hoppen. (R) **1.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.00** Film: The Goonies. (1985) Children's adventure, starring Sean Astin. **4.10** Film: Monster House. (2006) Animated comedy horror, with the voice of Michael Mucco. **5.55** Film: Groundhog Day. (1993) Comedy, starring Bill Murray.

6.00 Steve Wilkos.

6.55 Weekly. American and British troops take part in a team-building exercise. (R)

7.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.

10.00 I.E.D. Rush Hour. (1998) Comedy, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker.

12.05 Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **1.50** The FBI Files. (R) **2.00** Divine Designs. (R) **2.05** Hamish's Helpline. (R) **2.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **3.30** Thomas & Friends. (R) **3.40** Rosie the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
0.50 The Xtra Factor 2.35 All Star Family Fortunes 5.20 City Mums: The Hot Desk 5.50 Film: Back to the Future (1985) 8.00 Sextuplets – The Little Lambs 0.00 The Xtra Factor 10.15 The Only Way is Essex 11.00 Film: Die Another Day (2002)

ITV3
0.50 Film: Black Beauty (1994) 5.40 Perspectives: Robson Green and the Fifteen Fishers 6.35 The Darling Buds of May 0.00 Film: Dave (1993) 11.15 Film: The Constant Gardener (2005)

ITV4
0.50 The Professionals 2.55 Film: Morning Departure (1950) 7.00 Minder 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 0.00 Rugby World Cup Highlights 10.00 Film: McVicar (1980)

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: The Japanese Grand Prix – Highlights 8.00 Young Soldiers 0.00 Live at the Apollo 10.00 The Fades 11.00 Family Guy 11.35 American Dad

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Department Store 8.00 Welly Telly – The Countryside on Television 0.00 Rich Hall's The Dirty South 10.20 Film: My Brother is an Only Child (2007)

E4
0.00 Superstore vs Superskinny 4.05 Film: Charlotte's Web (2006) 5.55 Small Mile 6.50 Film: School of Rock (2003) 0.00 Rude Tube 10.05 The Inbetweeners 10.30 The IT Crowd 11.10 Campus

FILM4
2.35 Oliver Twist (1948) 5.00 Von Ryan's Express (1965) 7.15 The Golden Child (1986) 0.00 Trading Places (1983) Comedy, starring Dan Aykroyd and Eddie Murphy 11.15 Vera Drake (2004)

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Dirty Tricks of the Tradesmen. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Celebrity MasterChef. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Fake Britain. (R) BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 BNP: The Fraud Exposed – Panorama. 9.00 Motorway Cops. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Spooks. (R) 12.05 Film: The Anderson Tapes. (1971) Thriller, starring Sean Connery. 1.45 Weatherview. 1.50 Sign Zone: The Great British Bake Off. (R) 2.50 The Body Farm. (R) 3.50 Reel History of Britain. (R) 4.20 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 A History of Ancient Britain. (R) 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Home Cooking Made Easy. 9.00 Twincredibles. The stories of twins who have different skin colours. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Frys Planet Word. (R) 12.20 Damages. (R) 1.05 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 There's No Taste Like Home. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Little England. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Doc Martin. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Exposure: Heart Hospital. 11.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 12.05 Wildlife Patrol. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Champions League Weekly. 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Supernanny USA. (R) 9.55 Superbabe vs Superskinny. (R) 11.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The Restoration Man. (R) 1.00 Film: Planet of the Apes. (1968) Sci-fi drama, starring Charlton Heston. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal Live. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Britain's Rubbish Dispatches. 9.00 Embarrassing Bodies. 10.00 Fade Time. 11.05 Fresh Meat. (R) 11.55 Random Acts. 12.00 Steve Coogan as Alan Partridge and Other Less Successful Characters. (R) 1.00 Late Night Poker. 1.55 Film: Harud. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Mohammad Amir Naji. 3.35 Without a Trace. 4.30 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.20 Cookery School. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.00 LIVE with Gabby. 12.05 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Miami. (R) 3.15 Film: Generation Gap. (2008) Coming-of-age drama, starring Alex Black. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Celebrity Wish List; 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show; 5 News at 8. 9.00 The Hotel Inspector. 10.00 Big Brother. 11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Side. 12.00 Ultimate Emergency Bikers. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 3.55 County Secrets. (R) 4.10 Grey's Anatomy. 4.55 Rough Guide to Activity Holidays. (R) 5.10 HouseBusters. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Dirty Tricks of the Tradesmen. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Celebrity MasterChef. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 The Body Farm. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather; National Lottery Update. 10.35 Me, My Sex & I. 11.25 Film: City by the Sea. (2002) Crime drama, starring Robert De Niro, James Franco and Frances McDormand. 1.10 Weatherview. 1.15 Sign Zone: Village SOS. (R) 2.15 Reel History of Britain. (R) 3.15 Wildlife Mum. (R) 4.15 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 World Gymnastics Championships. 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Coast. (R) 7.30 Match of the Day Live: Spain v Scotland (Kick-off 7.45pm). 10.00 Later Live – with Jools Holland. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Twincredibles. (R) 12.20 Damages. (R) 1.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 There's No Taste Like Home. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Mayday Mayday. 8.00 High Stakes. 9.00 71 Degrees North. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 DCI Banks. (R) 11.35 Billy Connolly's Route 66. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Film: Columbo: A Matter of Honour. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Supernanny USA. (R) 9.55 Superbabe vs Superskinny. (R) 11.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The Restoration Man. (R) 1.05 Film: Doctor at Large. (1957) British medical comedy, starring Dirk Bogarde. 3.05 Channel 4 Presents – Jamie Peacock 'Speed'. (R) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal Live. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Gok's Clothes Roadshow: Get the Look for Less. 9.00 Mary Queen of Frocks. 10.00 Shameless. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 The Blood. 12.25 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.20 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens 'The Gift'. 1.25 Sailing. 1.50 British GT Championship 2011. (R) 2.20 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 2.45 Beach Volleyball. 3.40 Stockton River Rat Race. (R) 4.05 Scrapheap Challenge. (R) 5.00 Grudge Match. (R) 5.15 Cookery School. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.05 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Big Brother. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: Miami. (R) 3.15 Film: Undercover Angel. (1999) Family drama, starring Dean Winters and Yasmine Bleeth. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Real Food Family Cook Off; 5 News Update. 8.00 Superior Interiors with Kelly Hoppen; 5 News at 8. 9.00 CSI: Miami. 10.00 Big Brother. 11.00 Film: One Missed Call. (2008) Premiere. Horror, starring Shannyn Sossamon. 12.40 Inside Hollywood. (R) 12.50 SuperCasino. 3.55 County Secrets. (R) 4.05 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Short Breaks. (R) 5.10 HouseBusters. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Dirty Tricks of the Tradesmen. 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Celebrity MasterChef. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Waterloo Road; BBC News; Regional News. 8.30 Planet Dinosaur. 9.00 Who Do You Think You Are? 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Ask Rhod Gilbert. 11.20 Film: Roxanne. (1987) Romantic comedy, with Steve Martin and Daryl Hannah; National Lottery Update. 1.00 Weatherview. 1.05 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.35 Watchdog. (R) 2.35 Bang Goes the Theory. (R) 3.05 Country Tracks. (R) 4.00 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 World Gymnastics Championships. 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 A History of Ancient Britain. (R) 8.00 All Roads Lead Home. 9.00 Dragons' Den: How to Win in the Den. 10.00 Rab C Nesbitt. Susan Boyle guest stars. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 City Beneath the Waves: Pavlopetri. (R) 12.20 Damages. (R) 1.10 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 There's No Taste Like Home. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 8.00 Midsomer Murders. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Cops with Cameras. (R) 11.35 Ladette to Lady. (R) 12.30 Girlfighters. (R) 12.55 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.00 Film: A Home at the End of the World. (2004) 4.35 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Supernanny USA. (R) 9.55 Superbabe vs Superskinny. (R) 11.00 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 The Restoration Man. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Presents – Liz Johnson 'Into the Blue'. (R) 1.10 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.25 Film: Santa Fe Passage. (1955) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal Live. 5.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. 5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Location, Location, Location. 9.00 Grand Designs. 10.00 Fresh Meat. 10.50 Shameless. (R) 11.50 Random Acts. 11.55 Channel 4 Presents – Nathan Stephens 'The Sharp End'. (R) 12.00 Mudoon 4: On Track. 12.35 Music on 4: Nero Live at Global Gathering. (R) 1.00 Music on 4: Chase & Status: Live in London. (R) 1.25 Mudoon 4: The Crush 2011. 2.25 Film: Storm Over the Nile. (1955) 4.15 Grudge Match. (R) 4.30 Countdown. (R) 5.15 Cookery School. (R)

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Thursday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 World Gymnastics Championships. 3.00 Wanted Down Under. (R) 3.45 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Flog It! (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. (R) 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 A History of Ancient Britain. (R) 8.00 The Great British Bake Off Masterclass. 9.00 Mixed Britannia. 10.00 Mock the Week. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Burntown. 11.50 Film: Anita & Me. (2002) Comedy drama, starring Chandeep Uppal. 1.20 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 There's No Taste Like Home. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Taking Control of the Classroom: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Joanna Lumley's Greek Odyssey. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. (R) 11.35 71 Degrees North. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Taking Control of the Classroom: Tonight. (R) 2.55 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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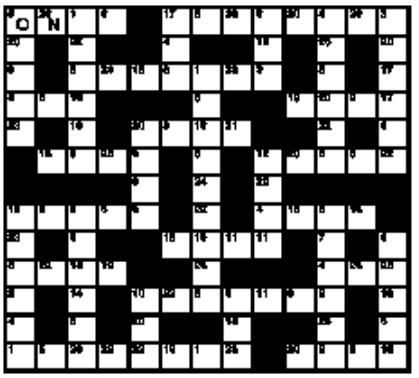

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

R	Z	S	F	Y	C	D	U	P	L	T	K	H
Q	J	B	O	M	X	A	E	N	G	V	W	I

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Clean down (5)
4. Naming a piece. In invested common? (7)
8. The attendant's not responsible for it (7)
9. I shut up about the demand (5)
10. Twist killer? (4)
11. Spare men (8)
13. Dog – an part of one (4)
14. Shipping service used by fishermen (4)
16. Mainly a dance? (8)
17. Become engaged in some shady business (4)
20. In dire need of a name (5)
21. Reduce the charge (7)
22. Give one the right to call (7)
23. Only about five to do this puzzle? (5)

Down

1. Acts splitedly, but courts disaster (5,4,4)
2. Happen to come later (5)
3. Women in retreat (4)
4. After a quick start it's simple to be unedited (6)
5. One way to obtain goods without pay ing (2,6)
6. Fancy one taking a drink in the Middle East (7)
7. You'll be lucky to win one of them (5,2,6)
12. Word that might be mis spelt, though the easiest (8)
13. It's wrong to take chaps in to texture (7)
15. Red Indian dancer? (6)
18. Turn out a bad scholar? (5)
19. The French ship is smaller (4)

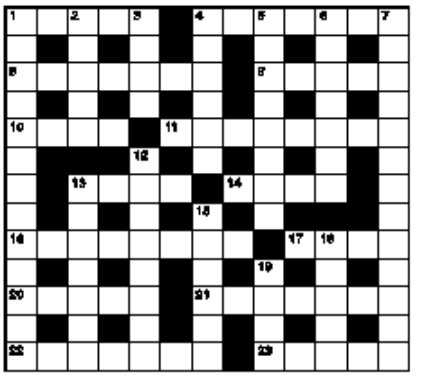
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Trail (5)
4. Long necked animal (7)
8. Versus (7)
9. Contort (5)
10. Always (4)
11. Elegant (8)
13. Expensive (4)
14. Speed (4)
16. Rerecording (8)
17. Sacred portrait (4)
20. Crane (5)
21. Marvel (7)
22. Salmon (7)
23. Begin (5)

Down

1. Circus performer (7,6)
2. Astonish (5)
3. Monarch (4)
4. Conduit (6)
5. Sane (8)
6. Warship (7)
7. Amusement (13)
12. Ancient language (8)
13. Unfold (7)
15. Previous (6)
18. Beverage (5)
19. Cupid (4)



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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS :-

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5	2	8	9	3	1	4	6	7
9	1	5	3	8	6	7	4	2
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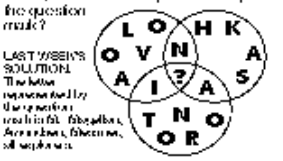
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Bloor Homes are offering the HomeBuy Direct (HBD) scheme at its Satchwell Grange development in Wednesbury. To make sure they secure their dream home before the funding allocation and limited plots get snapped up, buyers are being urged to visit the development.

HBD, is a success in offering a lifeline to homebuyers in these days of limited mortgage supply. It is a Government backed shared equity scheme that is designed to help first time buyers, key workers and those in need of affordable housing to get out of rented accommodation and own their own new home. It does this by providing an equity loan of up to 30% of the value of the property. This equity loan is co-funded by Bloor Homes and the Government. It has favourable terms, in that the equity loan can be repaid over the next 25 years and has no interest charges for the first five years. After the first five years the interest is capped at 1.75% with annual increases in line with the retail price index, plus 1%.

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Anne Cadman, Bloor Homes West Midlands Sales Director said: "This is a great opportunity for buyers to purchase their first home at affordable prices. Interest rates are still low and there is a new allocation of HomeBuy Direct properties available. House prices are on the rise, particularly in the southeast. In the West Midlands there are positive signs that the market is on the up, which will force prices up, as building land values are still high. The underlying strength of the market is further confirmed with increased visitor levels across our sites, with customers looking to take advantage of the help that is currently available on new build properties."

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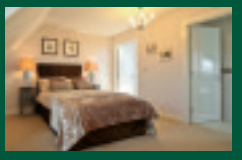

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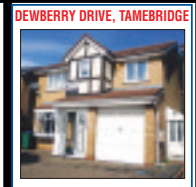

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Powis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

End Terrace offering immaculate internal accommodation. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom plus shower cubicle, block paved driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
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Elizabeth Walk, Tipton — NEW

Extended Semi Detached situated in a most sought after location. Having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and extension to rear whilst offering no upward chain, spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway to front and rear garden.
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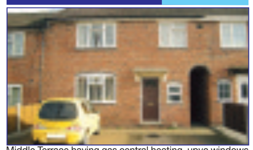
Locarno Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace having gas central heating, upvc windows (some double glazed) and immaculate internal accommodation. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 car block paved driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £83,500
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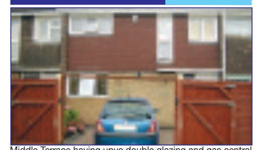
Eastfield Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, secure parking and garden.
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Elizabeth Mews, Oldbury — REDUCED

Modern end terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and cul de sac location. Offering superbly presented internal accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway, side garage, fore and rear gardens.
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Daisy Meadow, Tipton

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and loft conversion. Occupying a corner plot, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, Lshape lounge / dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 4 bedrooms, en suite bathroom, study room, family bathroom, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £144,950
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Highfield Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain, whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, dining room, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
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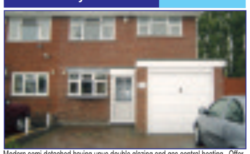
Charlotte Road, Wednesbury — NEW

Modern semi detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering superbly presented spacious family accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway, garage and attractive good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £142,500
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Constantine Way, Bilston — NEW

Modern detached on a corner plot which benefits from upvc double glazing, gas central heating and offering no upward chain & briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, 3 Bedrooms, En suite shower room, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens + Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £169,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Leslie Drive, Tipton

Extended semi detached residence in a sought after location which benefits from UPVc double glazing and gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation & briefly comprises: Porch, Reception Hall, Through Lounge / Dining Room, Extended Breakfast Kitchen, Guest Cloakroom, Study / Sitting Room, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway and Fore & Rear Gardens.
NO UPWARD CHAIN
OFFERS AROUND: £150,000
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Bilston Road, Tipton

Traditional Detached Bungalow having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Storm porch, reception hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with shower, good size driveway to front, rear garden and basements.
OFFERS AROUND: £150,000
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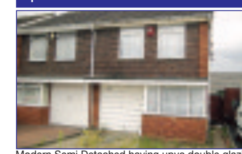
Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £91,500
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Elizabeth Walk, Tipton — REDUCED

Extended Detached situated in a most sought after location. Having double glazing, gas central heating, extension to rear & superb internal accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen (built in appliances), 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 car block paved driveway, garage & attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £189,950
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Grainger Close, Tipton

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OFFERS AROUND: £74,995
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High Street, Tipton

Modern Detached Bungalow having gas central heating, upvc double glazing to most windows and offering no upward chain. The property which requires improvement / attention briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, inner hallway, 2 bedrooms, bathroom & fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £114,950
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Waterloo Street East, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Link Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering improved / well presented accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen / dining room, 3 bedrooms, re-fitted shower room, separate toilet, 2 car driveway, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £148,950
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Davis Avenue, Tipton

Traditional Extended Semi Detached having double glazing, gas central heating & extension to rear. Situated in most sough after location & briefly comprising, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, 2 car driveway to front & large rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £115,000
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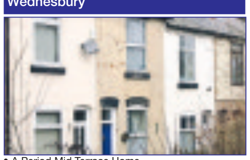
- A Period Mid Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Lounge
- Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
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Willenhall Street, Wednesbury — NEW

- Refurbished 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- No Upward Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: £84,995
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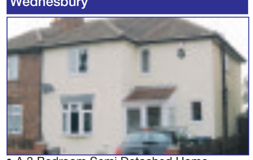
Hales Road, Wednesbury

- A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Recently Double Glazed & Centrally Heated
- No Upward Chain!
- Excellent Commuter LInks

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Old Park Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Deceptiovely Spacious 2 Bedroom Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND: £124,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Johnson Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- An extended 3/4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Located on a Corner Plot
- No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)

OFFERS AROUND: £104,995
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Knowles Street, Wednesbury

- An Executive 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Corner Plot
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: £229,995
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Manor House Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- Individual Detached Residence
- No Upward Chain!
- 3 Bedrooms (En-Suite to Bedroom 1)
- Deceptively Spacious

OFFERS AROUND: £149,995
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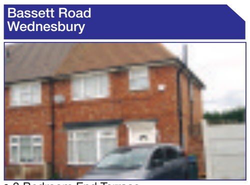
Bassett Road, Wednesbury

- 3 Bedroom End Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND: £84,995
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Yew Tree Lane, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- 2 Bedroom Semui Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc Double Glazing (where specified)
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: £119,995
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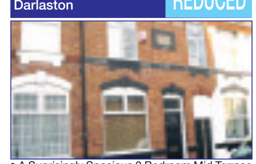
Cobden Street, Darlaston — REDUCED

- A Suprisingly Spacious 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Dining Room with Ornate Cast Iron Fireplace

FIXED/ASKING: £84,995
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Hydes Road, West Bromwich

- An Extended 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (As specified)
- Excellent Location for Stone Cross & Surrounding Towns
- 33ft Through Lounge/Diner

OFFERS AROUND: £189,995
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Arundel Avenue, Wednesbury — NEW

- A ★★FREEHOLD★★ Modern 2 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Very Quiet & Popular Area

OFFERS AROUND: £92,500
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

Crown Court, Wednesbury

- A Modern 2 Bedromo End Terrace
- No Upward Chain!
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: £74,950
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Catherton Close, Tipton — REDUCED

- Modern Well Maintained Detached
- Secluded Corner Position
- 4 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: £179,995
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Bassett Road, Wednesbury

- A Nicely Presented 3 Bedroom Mid Town House
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace

OFFERS AROUND: £74,995
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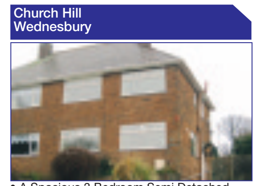
Church Hill, Wednesbury

- A Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain
- Recently Refurbished

OFFERS OVER: £140,000
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Herberts Park Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Double Glazed (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!
- Reception Hall

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Waterside Avenue, Wednesbury

- Modern Executive 4 Bedroom Detached Home with No Upward Chain
- Located on Popular Development & Corner PLot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

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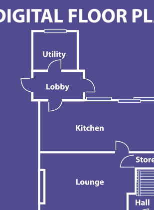

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Herbert Street, West Bromwich
West Bromwich — NEW

A Four Bedroom Mid Terraced House having benefit of No Upward Chain. The Property has majority double glazing and a central heating system. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 3 First Floor Bedrooms, 1 Second Floor Bedroom and Gardens to Front & Rear.
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£114,950**

Oak Road, West Bromwich
NEW

An Impressive, Extended, 4 Bedroom Detached House, Master Bedroom with En suite. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom with Seperate WC, Block Paved Off Road Parking, Garage and Large Rear Garden.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 — Offers in the Region Of: **£259,950**

Temple Meadows Road, West Bromwich
NEW

An Attractive Extended Traditional Semi Detached House benefitting from a set back position within the Highly Popular Temple Meadows Road. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Impressive Open Plan Kitchen & Dining Area with open access to the Conservatory, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking leading to Garage.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 — Offers in the Region Of: **£184,950**

Clifford Road, West Bromwich
West Bromwich — NEW

A 2 Bedroom Semi Detached House Benefitting From Central Heating & Double Glazing (Where Specified). No Upward Chain, Lounge, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Conservatory (Not Complete), 2 Bedrooms, Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking.
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Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£69,950**

Heath Lane, West Bromwich
REDUCED

A Charming Detached House occupying a choice corner plot in this popular residential area. Centrally heated, double glazed and intruder alarmed. Many character features. Hall, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Extended Lounge/ Dining Room, 1 King Size Bedroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC and Off road parking for up to 4 cars at the rear.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 — OFFERS AROUND: **£149,950**

Charlemont Avenue, West Bromwich
REDUCED

An Extended Larger Type Traditional Semi Detached House within a popular cul de sac. Having Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Integral porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended/ Kitchen Diner, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Large Tiered Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 — OFFERS AROUND: **£174,950**

Beeches Road, West Bromwich
REDUCED

An Excellent Investment or Developement Opportunity. Previously owned by the Ex Mayor of West Bromwich, this Superb Detached Bungalow is situated on a substantial plot. Requires Refurbishment and Upgrade But Priced Accordingly. Accommodation Briefly Comprises- Entrance Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, Large Loft Area, 2 Garages, Gated Off road Parking and Extensive Gardens to Front & Rear. No Upward Chain.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 — OFFERS AROUND: **£379,950**

Charlemont Avenue
REDUCED

An Impressive Extended Traditional Semi Detached House located within this popular Cul De Sac. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Reception Hall, Extended Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Fitted Kitchen with Dining Area, Three Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Tiered Rear Garden, Front Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking leading to Garage.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 — Offers In Excess Of: **£170,000**

Ardav Road, West Bromwich

A Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House benefitting from Central heating and Majority Double Glazing. No Upward Chain. Accomodation comprises- Porch with Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage within separate block which is in a delapidated condition.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£82,950**

James Watt Street, West Bromwich

A Three Bedroom End Terraced House requiring refurbishment but priced accordingly. Benefitting from Central Heating with Gas Combi Boiler, UPVC Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Lobby/ Utility with large understairs storage cupboard, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom with Seperate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Gated Rear Vehicle Access Affording off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£84,950**

Millersdale Drive, West Bromwich

A Delightful Semi Detached House situated within a quiet Cul De Sac. Excellent location for Tame Bridge Train Station and other local amenities. Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Car port with Converted Garage to Rear, Rear Garden with Timber Decked Area and Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£144,950**

Church Lane, West Bromwich

A Three Bedroom Semi Detached House Offering No Upward Chain. Double Glazing and Electric Storage Heating. Accomodation Comprises Lounge, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£109,950**

Walsall Road, West Bromwich

A Semi Detached House requiring upgrading but priced accordingly. Benefitting from No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Seperate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£104,950**

Dawes Avenue, West Bromwich

A deceptively spacious mid terraced house offering family sized accommodation. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Kitchen, Side Lobby with Entrance Door, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£94,950**

Essex Avenue, West Bromwich

A three bedroom extendad end terraced house situated in a popular residential area. Benefiting from Central Heating, Majority Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Extended Dining Room, Kitchen, Large Utility Area with Store Room and WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£104,950**

Salisbury Road, West Midlands

A Larger Type Mid Terraced House with Excellent location for High Street, M5 junction 1 and other amenities. No Upward Chain. Centrally Heated. Accomodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, 2 Bedrooms, First Floor Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Garage to Rear with Rear Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£94,950**

Hartland Road, West Bromwich

Viewing Highly Recommended . An Attractive, Fully Refurbished, Semi Detached House situated in this popular residential area and convenient for excellent local amenities. Centrally heated, Double Glazed. Accomodation briefly comprises Integral Porch, Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, Conservatory, 4 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Block Paved Driveway providing Off Road Parking, Garage and Large, Well Stocked, Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£179,950**

Haywoods Farm, West Bromwich

A rare opportunity to purchase a superb 2 bedroom semi detached bungalow on this popular modern development. Much improved with gas central heating and double glazing. Briefly comprising reception hall, cloakroom, lounge, refitted kitchen, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, conservatory, gardens front and rear. Viewing essential.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£139,950**

Jowetts Lane, West Bromwich

A Corner Plot Semi Detached House Offering Excellent Extension Potential (Subject to Planning Permission). Requires upgrade and refurbishment but priced accordingly. No Upward Chain. Double Glazed and Intruder Alarmed. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front, Rear & Side and Driveway leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£89,950**

Turners Croft, West Midlands

A Modern Mid Terraced House within a quiet Cul de sac. Ideal for First Time Buyers. Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£99,950**

New Street North, West Bromwich

An Attractive Semi Detached House situated in this very popular area near Dartmouth Park and Town Centre and benefiting from No Upward Chain! Large side garden area offering potential for further extension (subject to planning permission). Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Driveway for 3 Cars and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£174,950**

Greets Green Road, West Bromwich

A Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House Conveniently located between West Bromwich and Great Bridge. Central Heating & Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- 2 x Receptions, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Garage to Rear with Rear Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£90,000**

Kelverley Grove, West Bromwich

An Impressive Extended Semi Detached House situated within a quiet cul de sac location. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Extended L Shaped Kitchen/ Diner, 3 bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom and Seperate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Shared Driveway Leading to Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£149,950**

Biddlestone Grove, Walsall

A Modern End Terraced House situated within a quiet cul de sac location. Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front and Rear, Large Workshop, Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£106,950**

Andrew Road, West Bromwich

An Attractive, Semi Detached House, situated in this popular residential area and convenient for the Railway Station. Centrally Heated, Double Glazed. Accomodation comprises Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Driveway Parking, Garage and Pleasant Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£136,950**

Vowles Road, West Midlands

A Modern Semi Detached House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, Master Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£146,500**

St Christopher Close, West Bromwich

An Excellent Extended Link Detached house situated within a quiet cul de sac location. Centrally Heated and Double Glazed. Accommodation Comprises- Hall with Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 5 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Rear Garden, Block Paved Driveway Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£289,950**

Smithmoor Crescent, West Bromwich

An attractive semi-detached house offering excellent family sized accommodation. Situated on a large plot this property benefits from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Spacious Hall with Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, 3 Large Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£149,950**

Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich

A Delightful Traditional Semi Detached House located on the sought after Bustleholme Lane, Offering No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Shower Room/ WC, Good Size Rear Garden, Large Front Garden with Gated Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£169,950**

Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich

An Extended Traditional Semi Detached House offering No Upward Chain. Benefitting From Central Heating and Double Glazing . Accommodation comprises- Hall with Shower Room/ WC off, Dining Room, Extended Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Gated Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£164,950**

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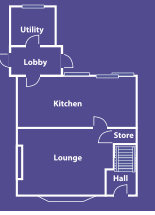

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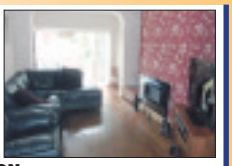
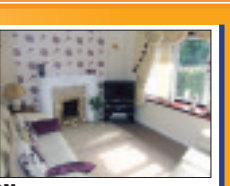


TIPTON
HORSELEY ROAD
★ Extended five bedroom semi detached
★ Through lounge/dining room
★ En suite to master bedroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Rear garden
£189,995

NEW



TIPTON
RAINHAM CLOSE
★ Extended two bedroom semi detached (plus loft room)
★ Lounge and extended kitchen with dining area
★ Large reception hall
★ Downstairs bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Concrete print driveway and rear garden
£129,995

NEW

SMETHWICK
HIGHBURY ROAD
★ Three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Large rear garden
£109,995

NEW

TIPTON
MADIN ROAD
★ Three bedroom extended semi detached
★ Lounge, dining room and extended kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Majority double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Detached garage to rear
★ Rear garden
£104,995

WANTED

2/3 Bedroom Properties

Burberry Grange
Foxyards Estate
Standbridge Park
Bridgemere Estate

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
WHITEHALL ROAD
★ Two bedroom end terrace
★ Through lounge diner separated by archway
★ Extended kitchen
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage to rear
£87,950

NEW

TIPTON
WAKE GREEN ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Porch and through lounge/dining area
★ Fitted kitchen and conservatory
★ Family bathroom with shower cubicle
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking, Front and rear gardens
£159,995

NEW

OLDBURY
OAKDALE ROAD
★ Three detached semi detached
★ Lounge and breakfast kitchen
★ Laundry room
★ Downstairs WC and first floor shower room
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Front and side gardens
£124,995

NEW

TIPTON
FIELD ROAD
★ Recently modernised three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge. Dining dining
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage
★ Driveway for several vehicles
★ Front and rear gardens
£129,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
ANDREW ROAD
★ Three bedroom dormer bungalow
★ Lounge
★ Dining room
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Land to front and side with development potential (subject to planning permission)
★ Rear garden ★ No upward chain
WAS £199,995 NOW £185,000

REDUCED

TIPTON
NEWMAN ROAD
★ Two bedroom detached bungalow
★ Lounge
★ Newly refitted kitchen and bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens
WAS £147,500 NOW £143,500

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MARKET

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
EYSTON AVENUE
★ Modern four bedroom detached
★ Two reception rooms
★ Kitchen with utility area
★ Downstairs WC, upstairs bathroom, en suite to master
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Garden to rear
£209,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIVIDALE
LARCH CROFT
★ Modern extended four bedroom detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
WAS £189,995 NOW £184,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
PUPPY GREEN
★ Three bedroom detached house
★ Through lounge/dining room
★ Refitted downstairs WC, upstairs bathroom and en suite
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and block paved driveway
£174,950

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
VICTORIA ROAD
★ Three bedroom detached
★ Through lounge
★ Kitchen and conservatory
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Rear garden
WAS £175.000 NOW £165,000

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
DAWN DRIVE
★ Three bedroom modern detached on corner site
★ Lounge and fitted kitchen/dining room
★ Bathroom
★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
★ Side and rear driveways
★ Front, side and rear gardens
£164,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
GORDON DRIVE
★ Extended four bedroom semi detached
★ Through lounge/dining room
★ Sitting room
★ Kitchen
★ En suite to master bedroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Rear garden
WAS £157,995 NOW £154,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
VICTORIA ROAD
★ Four bedroom end of terrace
★ Two reception rooms
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Downstairs shower room
★ Upstairs family bathroom
WAS £149,995 NOW £145,000

OPEN WEEKEND REDUCED

SAT 8th, 12 noon-12.30 pm

TIPTON
NEWMAN ROAD
★ Two bedroom detached bungalow
★ Lounge
★ Newly refitted kitchen and bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens
WAS £147,500 NOW £143,500

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
ANNE GROVE
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Through lounge/dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Rear garden
£139,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

WEST BROMWICH
ALL SAINTS WAY
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Detached garage
★ Garden
WAS £141,950 NOW £136,500

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
WILLIAM BARROWS WAY
★ Three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge/dining room and kitchen
★ Downstairs WC and upstairs family bathroom
★ Two allocated parking spaces
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Rear garden
£134,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
CARNEGIE AVENUE
★ Two/three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge and kitchen
★ Downstairs shower room and first floor bathroom
★ Conservatory and ground floor bedroom/study
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Rear garden
WAS £119,950 NOW £115,000

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
HIGHFIELD ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory
★ Double glazed and central heating (where spec)
★ Driveway and rear garden
★ Alarmed
£110,000

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th, 11.30 am-12 noon

TIPTON
GOSPEL OAK ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Through lounge
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage and off road parking
★ In need of some modernisation
£109,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th, 11 am-11.30 pm

TIPTON
GOSPEL OAK ROAD
★ Three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge/dining room
★ Kitchen and conservatory
★ Gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Majority double glazing
★ Off road park and garage in separate block
★ Large rear garden
£99,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th, 10.30 am-11 pm

TIPTON
LICHFIELD STREET
★ Extended three bedroom mid terrace
★ Through lounge and extended kitchen
★ Downstairs wet room/shower room
★ First floor bathroom and separate WC
★ Majority double glazing
★ Off road parking
★ Rear garden
£94,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIPTON
CHERRY ROAD
★ 3 bed semi detached
★ Rental income
★ approx £500
★ 8% return on asking price
£74,995

OPEN WEEKEND

SAT 8th & SUN 9th, 10 am-2 pm

TIVIDALE
CALLAGHAN DRIVE
★ Modern four bedroom detached
★ Lounge/dining room
★ Fitted kitchen and utility room
★ Conservatory
★ Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
£209,995

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REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
OLD COLLEGE DRIVE
★ A quality Bellway home on a popular development in a canal-side setting
★ Having three bedrooms plus a study
★ Remainder of the builders NHBC guarantee.
134,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
OLDBURY STREET
★ Traditional-style three bedroom bay fronted semi in a popular road
★ Two Reception rooms
★ Double glazing
★ Large garden
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
£94,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
CREW ROAD
★ Immaculate Three Bedroom Semi
★ Corner Plot
★ Double Glazed
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Lounge/dining Room
★ First Floor Shower Room
★ Substantial Gardens
★ Out-buildings
£126,950

WEST BROMWICH
17 LEACROFT GROVE
★ Three Generous Size Bedrooms
★ Private Rear Garden
★ Ideal Family Home
★ Double Glazed
★ Economy 7 Heating
★ Integral Garage
★ Off Road Parking
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
£117,000

WEST BROMWICH
HILL TOP
★ Large Detached Property
★ Three Reception Rooms
★ Substantial Grounds
★ Ourbuildings
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Condensing Boiler
★ Double Glazed
★ Breakfast Room
£230,000

WANTED
1 BEDROOM BUNGALOW/GROUND FLOOR FLAT
For Mrs S - SSTC must have own garden.
The Woods, The Oval or Pine Avenue
Up to £85,000
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REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
CHESTNUT ROAD
★ Two/three bedroom semi detached house
★ Ground floor shower room
★ Ground floor extension/granny flat
★ Double glazing and central heating
★ Secure gated off road parking
★ substantial outbuilding
£144,950

WEDNESBURY
HANDLEY STREET
★ Improved Three Bedroom Property
★ Re-Fitted Kitchen
★ Re-Fitted Bathroom
★ Garage
★ Off Road Parking
★ Double Glazed
★ Central Heated
★ Long Rear Garden
£109,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
PAUL STREET
★ Three bedroom ex police house
★ Popular location
★ Central heated
★ Double glazed
★ Two reception rooms
★ Guest cloakroom
★ Utility
★ Garage
£164,950

WEDNESBURY
FRANCHISE STREET
★ Victorian End Terrace
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Central Heating
★ Double Glazed
★ Ground Floor Bathroom
★ 16FT Kitchen
£109,950

NEW

DARLASTON
MARGARET ROAD
★ Three Bedroom End Town House
★ Open Aspect To Front
★ Double Glazed
★ Central Heated
★ Down Stairs Shower Room
★ Nice Level Garden
★ Parking
★ Potential To Extend Subject to PP
£94,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
LOWER HIGH STREET
★ Well presented first floor flat
★ Three bedroom
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
★ Double glazing
★ Central heating
★ Communal parking
★ Close to Town Centre
★ Viewing recommended
£69,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
LIME ROAD
★ Three Bedroom Semi Detached
★ (Affected by mining but structually sound)
★ Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
★ Double Glazed
★ Gas Central Heated
★ Ample Block Paved Driveway
★ First Floor Bathroom
★ Viewing Recommended
£86,950

WEDNESBURY
HEATH ACRES
★ Semi detached bungalow
★ 2 bedrooms
★ Central heating and double glazing
★ Verandah
★ Garage
£109,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
THE OVAL
★ Well Presented Semi Detached Property
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Lounge
★ Dining Kitchen
★ Central Heating
★ First Floor Bathroom
★ Enclosed Rear Garden
★ Viewing Recommended
£109,950

West Bromwich
Walsall Road
An extended three bedroom semi detached property convenient for the amenities of Stone Cross and having a really sunny private rear garden, double glazing, newly installed central heating, off road parking and garage.
£139,950

WEDNESBURY
CRANKHALL LANE
★ A mid terraced property
★ Two bedrooms
★ Central heating
★ Double glazing
£94,995

WEST BROMWICH
HAMPTON COURT
★ Detached Bungalow
★ Two Bedrooms
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
★ Double Glazed
★ Central Heated
★ Garage
★ Private Driveway
★ Viewing Recommended
£139,950

WEDNESBURY
CRANKHALL LANE
★ A two bedroom ground floor flat
★ Double glazing
★ Condensing heating
★ Vacant possession
£69,950

WEDNESBURY
BROMFIELD CRESCENT
★ Spacious semi-detached house
★ Thre good size bedrooms
★ Majority double glazing
★ Central heating
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
£99,950

WEDNESBURY
CRANKHALL LANE
★ Three Bedroom Semi Detached
★ Lounge
★ Breakfast Kitchen
★ Downstairs Cloaks
★ First Floor Bathroom
★ Off Road Parking
★ Enclosed Rear Garden
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
£90,000

DARLASTON
THE GREEN
★ 50% Share
★ Ideal First Purchase
★ Two/Three Bedrooms
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ First Floor Bathrooms
★ Gated Allocated Parking
★ Gardens to Reat
★ Viewing Recommended..
£49,950 50% share

WEDNESBURY
OLDBURY STREET
★ Stamp Duty Exempt
★ Well Presented Detached
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★ Garage
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★ Good Location For Schools
★ Two Receptions
★ Central Heating
★ Double Glazed
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★ Enclosed Rear Garden
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★ First Floor Bathroom
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★ Double Glazing
★ Gas Central Heating
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ARUNDEL AVENUE WEDNESBURY
★ 3 Bed Detached ★ 2 Reception Rooms
★ Downstairs W/C ★ Conservatory
★ Double Glazing ★ Gas Central Heating
★ Rear Garden
★ Off Road Parking
£179,950

OAKESWELL STREET WEDNESBURY
★ Detached
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Summer House
★ Garage
£160,000

HAWKSWOOD DRIVE WEDNESBURY
★ Semi Detached
★ Three Bedrooms ★ Study
★ Conservatory ★ Double Glazing
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Off Road Parking
£134,950

CHARLOTTE ROAD WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedroom Semi Detached
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Fitted Kitchen
★ Family Bathroom
★ Block Paved Driveway
£124,950

NO CHAIN

GOSPEL OAK ROAD TIPTON
★ Three Bedroom
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Master Bedroom with En-Suite
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Front & Rear Gardens
£122,950

NAVIGATION LANE WEST BROMWICH
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Large Kitchen Diner
★ Downstiars W/C
★ Private Driveway
★ Gas Central Heating
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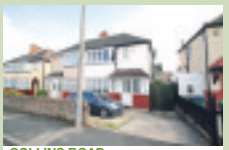
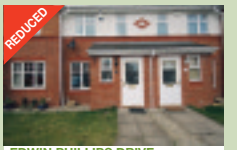
TIBBINGTON TERRACE TIPTON
★ Detached House
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Downstairs W/C
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Garage
★ Off Road Parking
£115,000



COLLINS ROAD WEDNESBURY
★ Semi Detached ★ Two Bedrooms
★ Extension at the rear
★ Fully Fitted Kitchen
★ Good Transport Links
★ Off Road Parking
£114,950

NO CHAIN

THE FURLONG WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedrooms
★ End Terranced
★ Two Bathrooms
★ Garage
★ Electric Security Gates
£117,950



REDUCED

EDWIN PHILLIPS DRIVE WEST BROMWICH
★ Mid Terraced ★ Two Bedroom
★ Fully Fitted Kitchen ★ Downstairs W/C
★ Gas Central Heating ★ Double Glazing
★ Off Road Parking
★ Landsacped Rear Garden
£111,995

NO CHAIN

CROCKFORD ROAD WEST BROMWICH
★ Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
★ Ground Floor Bathroom ★ Conservatory
★ Upstairs W.C. ★ Off Road Parking
★ OPEN TO OFFERS
★ LOOKING FOR A QUICK SALE
£108,000

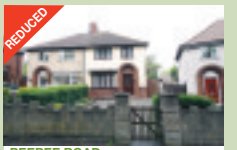
MANOR ROAD WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedrooms ★ End Terraced
★ Conservatory
★ Large Garden
★ Off Road Parking
★ Brick Built Workshop
£109,950

NO CHAIN

CROCKFORD ROAD WEST BROMWICH
★ Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
★ Lounge
★ Kitchen
★ Garage
★ NO CHAIN
£102,000

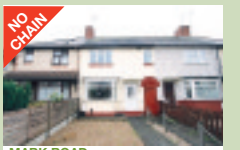
NEW

BEEBEE ROAD WEDNESBURY
★ Semi Detached
★ 3 Bedrooms
★ 2 Reception Rooms
★ Off Road Parking
★ Double Glazing
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Large Rear Garden
£99,950



REDUCED

BEEBEE ROAD WEDNESBURY
★ Semi Detached ★ 3 Bedrooms
★ 2 Reception Rooms
★ Double Glazing
★ Gas Central Heating
★ NO CHAIN
£99,950



NO CHAIN

MARK ROAD WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedrooms ★ Reception Room
★ Two Bathrooms
★ Newley Fitted Kitchen
★ Electric Heating
★ Off Road Parking
£95,000

NO CHAIN

WILKINSON ROAD WEDNESBURY
★ Semi Detached
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Newly Refurbished
★ Downstairs W/C
£95,000

NEW

ASTON COURT WEST BROMWICH
★ First Floor Appartment
★ 2 Bedrooms
★ Intergrated Appliances
★ Electric Storage Heating
★ Designated Parking
£94,950

COBHAM ROAD WEDNESBURY
★ Mid Terraced
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Off Road Parking
★ Gas Central Heating
★ NO CHAIN
£91,950

MONKGATE DRIVE WEST BROMWICH
★ Second Floor Apartment
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Double Glazing
★ Secured Buzzer Entrance
★ Allocated Parking
£89,000

NO CHAIN

ANSON ROAD WEST BROMWICH
★ Three Bedroom End-Terrace
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Utility Room
★ Detached Garage
★ NO CHAIN
£84,950

BARN FARM CLOSE BILSTON
● End Terraced House
● Two Bedrooms with built in wardrobes
● Off Road Parking
● Double Glazed & Centrally Heated
● Kitchen Diner
£79,950

NO CHAIN

MANIFOLD WAY WEDNESBURY
★ One Bedroom Apartment
★ Fitted Kitchen
★ Family Bathroom
★ Allocated Parking
★ No chain
£69,950

NO CHAIN

WODEN ROAD SOUTH WEDNESBURY
★ First Floor Flat ★ Two Bedrooms
★ Lounge
★ Garden
★ Leasehold
★ No Chain
£67,950

WITTON LANE WEST BROMWICH
★ One Bedroom
★ Ground Floor Flat
★ One Reception Room
★ Modern Fitted Kitchen
★ Double Glazing
★ Gas Central Heating
£64,950

REDUCED

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★ First Floor Flat
★ Potential Second Bedroom
★ Communal Gardens
★ NO CHAIN
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★ UPSTAIRS BATHROOM ★ LOFT ROOM
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ OFF ROAD PARKING

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★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ MID TERRACED
★ LOUNGE ★ KITCHEN DINER
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BODENHAM ROAD, OLDBURY — NEW

£109,950

★ THREE BEDROOMS
★ SEMI DETACHED
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★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ OFF ROAD PARKING

OLDACRE ROAD, OLDBURY — NEW

£109,950

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ MID TERRACED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ SEPERATE W.C ★ BATHROOM
★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
★ NO CHAIN

ALBION ROAD, WEST BROMWICH — NEW

£116,000

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ MID TERRACED
★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN DINER
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ NO CHAIN

FRANCIS ROAD, SMETHWICK

£116,950

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ MID TERRACED
★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ GUEST W.C. ★ CONSERVATORY
★ UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY

POOL ROAD, SMETHWICK — NEW

£119,950

★ TWO BEDROOM ★ END TERRACED
★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN DINER
★ OFF ROAD PARKING
★ POTENIAL TO EXTEND ON THE SIDE
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

SHAKESPEARE ROAD, SMETHWICK — REDUCED

£124,950

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ MID TERRACED
★ THROUGH LOUNGE ★ DINING AREA
★ CONSERVATORY ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ OFF ROAD PARKING

OAKBARN ROAD, HALESOWEN — NEW

£145,950

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SEMI DETACHED
★ THROUGH LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ UTILITY AREA ★ CONSERVATORY
★ GUEST W.C. ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

THIMBELMILL ROAD, SMETHWICK — NEW

£148,995

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SEMI DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ RE - FITTED KITCHEN
★ UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

LOWER CITY ROAD, TIVIDALE — NEW

£150,000

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SEMI DETACHED
★ THROUGH LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ SIDE UTILITY ★ GUEST W.C.
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ SIDE GARAGE
★ NO CHAIN

MANOR ROAD, SMETHWICK — REDUCED

£179,950

★ FOUR BEDROOMS ★ END TERRACED
★ THROUGH LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ GUEST W.C. ★ EN-SUITE
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ OFF ROAD PARKING
★ NO CHAIN

BIRCHLEY PARK AVENUE, OLDBURY — NEW

£184,950

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ GUEST W.C.
★ CONSERVATORY ★ EN-SUITE
★ GARAGE ★ DRIVEWAY

SOMERSET ROAD, WEST BROMWICH

£194,950

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ NEW BUILD
★ GUEST W.C ★ OFF ROAD PARKING
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ EN-SUITE ★ GARAGE
★ NO CHAIN

REGENT ROAD, TIVIDALE

£195,000

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ DETACHED
★ LOUNGE ★ DINING ROOM
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ UTILITY ROOM
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ GARAGE

GOODWYN AVENUE, OLDBURY — NEW

£219,950

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SEMI DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ OFF ROAD PARKING
★ SIDE GARAGE
★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

BRANDHALL ROAD, OLDBURY — NEW

£229,950

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ LOFT ROOM ★ RECENTLY REFURBISHED
★ THROUGH LOUNGE ★ KITCHEN/DINER
★ GUEST W.C. ★ SIDE GARAGE
★ NO CHAIN

DUDLEY ROAD EAST, OLDBURY — REDUCED

£235,000

★ FIVE BEDROOM ★ END TERRACED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ TWO BATHROOMS
★ DETACHED SIDE GARAGE
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★ Allocated Parking ★ SORRY NO DHSS
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★ Three Large Bedrooms ★ Garage
★ Off Road Parking ★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£475 PCM

WHITLEY STREET, WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedrooms ★ Porch
★ Off Road Parking ★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£475 PCM

VICARAGE ROAD, WEST BROMWICH
★ Two Bedrooms ★ Part Furnished
★ Off Road Parking ★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Rear Garden ★ SORRY NO DHSS
£475 PCM

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★ Lounge ★ Off Road Parking ★ SORRY NO DHSS
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★ House ★ SORRY NO DHSS
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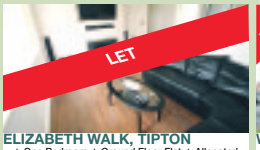

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★ Fantastic Condition ★ SORRY NO DHSS
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★ Off Road Parking ★ SORRY NO DHSS
£395 PCM

BASSET ROAD, WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedrooms ★ Gas Central Heating
★ Front & Rear Gardens ★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£395 PCM

LOWER HIGH STREET, WEDNESBURY
★ One Bedroom ★ Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
★ Communal Entrance ★ Entrance Hallway
★ Bathroom with Shower ★ DHSS ACCEPTED
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★ Fully fitted kitchen
★ Bathroom with bath and shower
★ Communal gardens with parking
★ Viewing Highly Recommended

£495 pcm

Tipton
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★Two bed semi detached house
★Open plan lounge
★Dining kitchen
★Bathroom with shower
★CH & DG. ORP & garage

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Willenhall
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★Two reception rooms
★Fitted kitchen.
★Shower room
★Central heated & double glazed
★Rear garden & off road parking

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★Lounge with patio style doors
★Fully fitted kitchen
with appliances
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Allocated parking

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★Three storey town house
★Fitted kitchen. Lounge
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★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Integral garage

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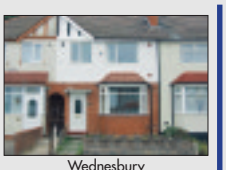

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★Hall. Lounge. Fully fitted kitchen
★Three bedrooms
★Separate dining room.
★Bathroom with shower

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★Two reception rooms
★Ground floor
bathroom
★DG & GCH
★Enclosed rear garden

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★Quiet cul-de-sac location
★Fully furnished. DG
★Lounge & fitted dining kitchen
★Conservatory
★Rear garden. ORP

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Wolseley Gate

★Detached three bed house
★Spacious lounge
★GCH & DG.
Downstairs WC
★Fitted breakfast kitchen
★Walled courtyard

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Compton Road

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★Fitted kitchen
★Bathroom with shower
★Large additional fourth room

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Galahad Way

★First floor two bed apartment
★Fully fitted kitchen
★Lounge. CH
★Bathroom with shower
★Communal gardens. ORP x 2

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Bilston
Beckett Street

★Mid terrace two bed house
★Two reception rooms
★Modern kitchen
★Ground floor
bathroom
★Rear garden.
Housing Benefit Considered

£400pcm

Bilston
Herringshaw Gardens

★ One bed first floor apartment
★ Unfurnished. Double glazed
★ Fitted kitchen with cooker
★ Gas central heated
★ Bathroom with bath and shower
★ Off road parking

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Wednesfield
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★Three bed mid terraced house
★Fitted kitchen diner
★Lounge
★Downstairs WC. Main bathroom with bath & shower
★Front & rear gardens

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Dudley
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★Gas central heated
★Kitchen/diner with patio doors to rear garden
★Bathroom with bath and shower
★Loft access
★Driveway off road parking

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Wall Heath
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★Fully furnished
★Fully fitted kitchen
★GCH. Allocated parking
★Bathroom with bath & shower

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★Bathroom with bath & shower
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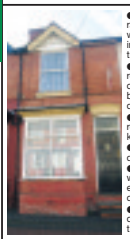
CAPETHORN ROAD, SMETHWICK



- Traditional terraced property with double glazing and gas central heating
- Two double bedrooms and spacious refitted bathroom with individual shower
- Two reception rooms & refitted kitchen downstairs
- Established garden
- Close Bearwood, Cape Hill & easy access city centre
- Comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand

Offers based on £97,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold mid-terraced property
- Close proximity to Bearwod High Street, Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- OCCASIONAL BEDROOM 3/LOFT CONVERSION
- Bathroom with double size individual shower
- Spacious lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Dining room
- Well stocked neatly laid out garden
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £169,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

ABBEY CRESCENT, OLDBURY

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Centrally heated and PVC double glazed virtually throughout
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out lawned garden to the rear
- Off-street parking for five/six cars
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £164,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

WARLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold double fronted semi-detached
- Centrally heated & PVC double glazed
- 3 bedrooms and shower room
- Spacious lounge and kitchen/dining room
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Ample off-street parking to side
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- Gas central heating
- All carpets / curtains included
- Much improved throughout

Offers based on £82,950

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NEW

GRAYSWOOD PARK ROAD, QUINTON

- Sought after location in an established tree-lined residential thoroughfare
- Traditional style freehold semi-detached residence
- Gas central heating and mostly double glazed
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom & separate WC to first floor
- Hall, lounge, dining room and kitchen downstairs
- Boarded loft with roof light
- Attractive established gardens with off-street parking to the front
- Garage at rear
- Comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand

Offers based on £154,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

NEW

MARLBOROUGH ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Mid-terraced freehold property
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre
- Close proximity to Bearwood shopping centre, Warley Woods and Lightwoods Park
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Two double bedrooms & bathroom to first floor
- Dining room, lounge, kitchen and utility
- Ideal for first time purchasers
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £124,950

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REDUCED

SHERWOOD ROAD

A truly immaculate and beautifully improved freehold terraced villa offering above-average size accommodation which is gas centrally heated, double glazed and fully alarmed to include three double bedrooms, expensively refitted bathroom with bath and individual shower, hall, dining room, well proportioned lounge, under stairs cloaks area, superb 19ft fitted kitchen, downstairs W.C./washroom, delightful enclosed garden and being located in an exceptionally convenient situation just off the main Bearwood Road with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre but with ACCOMMODATION WHICH WILL NOT FAIL TO IMPRESS.

Offers based on £187,500

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REDUCED

PRINCESS ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in a popular and extremely convenient residential locality, a traditional style semi-detached town house offering gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, part tiled shower room, hall, lounge, dining/kitchen, downstairs wc, gardens and off-street parking, with the considerable advantage of a double garage to the side and having a good range of day-to-day amenities close at hand, ideal for first time purchasers although it does need some further upgrading.

Offers based on £112,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

10 CHESHIRE ROAD, BEARWOOD

Situated in this pleasant and very popular residential neighbourhood, midway between Smethwick and Bearwood, a traditional style freehold terraced property being virtually PVC double glazed throughout with gas centrally heated accommodation to include three bedrooms, vestibule with original Minton tiled flooring, hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen and fully tiled bathroom, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offers based on £109,995

Viewing Bearwood Office

REDUCED

POPLAR AVENUE, EDGBASTON

A most sympathetically improved, deceptively spacious and conveniently situated traditional style freehold terraced residence offering gas centrally heated and mostly double glazed family accommodation to include four bedrooms, bathroom with shower, vestibule, through hall, lounge, separate dining room, good size dining/kitchen and laid out secluded gardens, enjoying a popular and exceptionally convenient location within easy reach of the main Hagley Road West, having Birmingham city centre readily accessible and comprehensive day-to-day amenities on hand.

Offers based on £194,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

HALL ROAD

A superbly presented freehold semi-detached property located in this established neighbourhood and being convenient for comprehensive day-to-day amenities, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom with electric shower, hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, lean-to, downstairs WC, impressive garden to the rear and having the benefit of off-street parking to the front, with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £149,950

Viewing: Via Bearwood Office

HAMILTON ROAD, BEARWOOD

Located on high ground in this popular neighbourhood and within easy reach of comprehensive day to day amenities, a traditional semi detached property being gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, spacious and well maintained garden to the rear, and having the benefit of a side garage and off street parking, being situated close to Warley Woods and providing easy access to Birmingham city centre and with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £169,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BROADWAY, OLDBURY

A traditional style freehold semi-detached property in this extremely popular location being within easy reach of Warley Woods, the main Wolverhampton Road and Hagley Road, thus providing easy access to Birmingham city centre, offering gas centrally heated and mostly PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom with shower, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, lean-to, spacious garden to the rear and having the benefit of off-street parking, having good comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offers based on £132,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

WELLESLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated just off Tat Bank Road this traditional mid terraced residence offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas fired central heating. The property requires further improvement and briefly comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms, gardens. Freehold

Offers based on £74,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

PRINCESS ROAD, OLDBURY

This modernised end town house is situated in a convenient locality midway between Oldbury and Bearwood. The property has been modernised to include double glazing and gas fired central heating and briefly comprises: entrance hall, front lounge, open plan dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens fore and rear. Freehold

Offers based on £109,000

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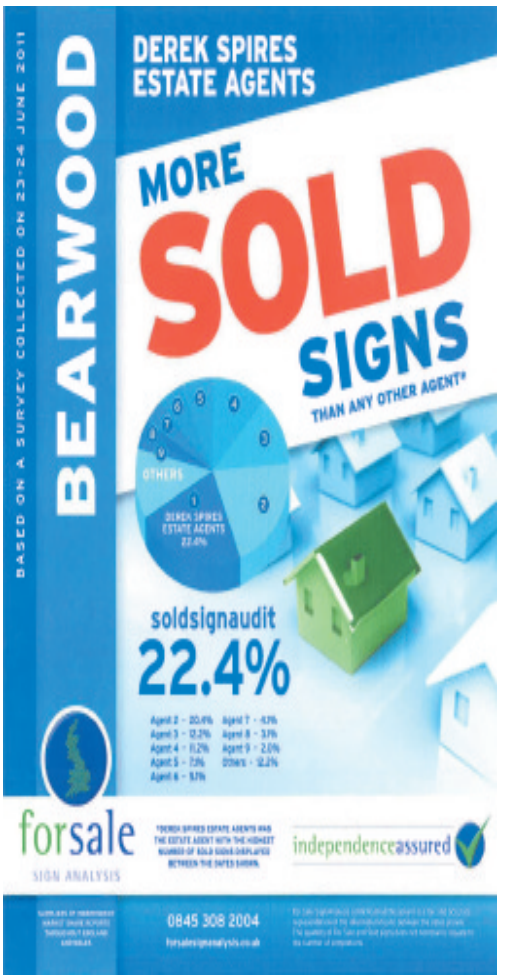

REDUCED

TITFORD LANE, ROWLEY REGIS

Forming an ideal first time purchase/investment this second floor flt offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and night storage heating, internal inspection is recommended and it briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking space.

Offers based on £54,950

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REDUCED

KENELM ROAD, OLDBURY

Contained in a popular residential neighbourhood close to the Wolverhampton Road this well presented semi detached residence offers good family accommodation and benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing, briefly comprises storm porch, reception hall, front reception room, rear dining room, kitchen, lobby, three bedrooms, shower room, long side driveway with detached garage to rear, private gardens, freehold.

Offers based on £129,950

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TITFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in an established neighbourhood this well presented modern mid town house forms an ideal first time purchase and requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. The property benefits from double glazing and gas fired central heating and briefly comprises front kitchen, spacious rear lounge, two bedrooms (master with en suite shower room), well appointed bathroom, gardens fore and rear, detached garage, freehold.

Offers based on £99,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

GRAVITY MEWS, OLDBURY

This conveniently situated excellently presented first floor maisonette offers good accommodation ideal for a first time purchase. The property benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and is situated convenient locality midway between Oldbury and Bearwood, the well planned accommodation comprises entrance hall, landing, double bedroom, well fitted shower room, open plan lounge/kitchen being well fitted, allocated car parking space.

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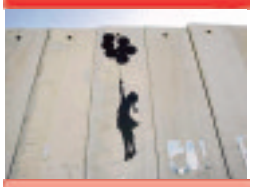
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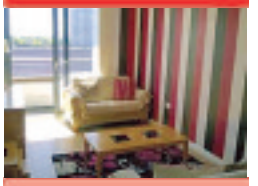
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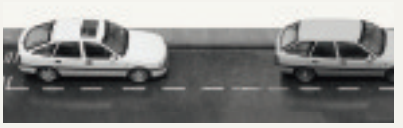

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Experience summer in the Citigo from Škoda

ŠKODA'S new model will make its debut in its domestic market, the Czech Republic, before the end of this year, with the UK and other European countries following at the beginning of summer 2012. The Citigo will be launched in three-door and five-door versions.

"The Citigo is one of the pillars of our growth strategy. It paves the way for tremendous opportunities in a new segment," said Škoda Board chairman, Winfried Vahland.

"The Citigo is literally a 'simply clever' car. Despite its small size, it offers ample interior space; it is agile while frugal. Put simply: it's an attractive choice offering many clever ideas. The car offers all of Škoda's values in a compact package and fits perfectly with our aims."

With the Citigo, Škoda is entering a new sector. "The demand for small cars with low fuel consumption, at a favourable price and with reasonable operating costs, is growing," continues Mr Vahland.

"Škoda's new small vehicle is a reaction to this trend. We are entering new ground and the Citigo will attract prospects mainly in our European markets."

The designers have given the car a distinct look that defines this as a new Škoda. The finned grille set in a chrome-plated frame and precisely shaped headlamps give the car a typical Škoda look. The Citigo will measure just 3.56 metres long, 1.65 metres wide and 1.48 metres high.

The Škoda Citigo is an ideal car in and out of the city. It offers generous interior space. The car's long wheel base – 2.42 metres – provides enough comfort for four passengers even on long trips. The boot volume is a sizeable 251 litres, which can be extended to 951 litres by folding down the rear seats.

The interior design includes numerous storage compartments, cup holders and multimedia systems, as well as storage pockets on the sides of the front seats. In addition, a special bag hook integrated in to the glovebox handle, and a photograph holder on the central console, are two clever interior elements.

The vehicle has a number of solutions to help improve overall comfort.

In the three-door version, the 'Easy Entry' system allows easy access to the rear seats. The front passenger's seat can be moved and folded forward to ensure easy access to the rear seats.

For the first time in a Škoda vehicle, a portable navigation system is available. The device is fitted to the dashboard and can be removed easily and used on the go.

Being an integral part of the vehicle's onboard electronics, the system provides not just navigation, but also hands-free calling with built-in Bluetooth and onboard infotainment. Using a five-inch touch screen, the driver can view important information about the car (onboard computer, optical signals from the parking sensors).

The Citigo places great emphasis on safety. For the first time in a Škoda vehicle, the designers have used a head-thorax side airbag to protect the heads of both the driver and the front seat passenger.

Along with a number of other items, this system is part of a package usually found on much larger cars. In addition, active enhanced by the 'city safe drive', a new brake assistance syste a laser sensor that is activated automatically at speeds be when there is danger of a collision.

Breaking

Depending on the speed and the traffic situat matic braking solution may completely prev or at least reduce its severity.

The risk of bumping into the car ah reduced significantly in city traffic. Th one of only two cars in the city car segme the emergency braking function.

Two new, three-cylinder 1.0-lit engines will be available after the launch (44kW/60PS and 55kW/75 engines and the transmission ha designed to provide optimum economy and their surroundings.

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Two highly economical green engines offer impressively low fuel consumption figu of 67.3mpg and 65.7mpg respectively; with emissions of just 97g and 99g CO2/km respectively. The fuel consumption and emission levels for the standard engines are also low – 62.8mpg and 105g CO2/km with the 60PS engine and 60.1mpg and 108g CO2/km with the 75PS unit.

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Dealers get their hands on a new Korean model

Prices for SsangYong's European-designed Korando crossover start at £16,995

THE new SsangYong Korando crossover is now on sale in the UK, and ahead of its national launch dealers were invited to attend a conference and collect their demonstrators.

Paul Williams, CEO, and Steve Gray, marketing and communications director of SsangYong Motor UK presented the network with final details of the launch, and were joined by senior managers from SsangYong Motor Company in Korea.

Korando – This new crossover model which was designed by Giugiaro for Europe, is available in three trim levels – S, ES and EX, with the choice of two-wheel drive or four-wheel drive, and manual or automatic transmission. Prices start from £16,995.

Rexton – The seven-seat Rexton off-roader is available as the 270 S with manual or automatic transmission, and 270 EX with automatic transmission as standard. On the road prices start from £19,995. A commercial variant, the Rexton CS is available with two seats, a 2.2 cubic metre load area and manual or automatic transmission. Prices start from £16,339 (excluding VAT and on the road charges).Rodius – The seven seat Rodius MPV is available as the 270 S manual, the 270 ES with manual or automatic transmission, and the top specification 270 EX with all-wheel drive and automatic transmission.

All models have a generous luggage area, and on the road prices start from £14,995. Further new models will be announced in 2012.

Big insurers approve of tyre changes

WITH an early cold winter forecast, Swinton Insurance has teamed with Goodyear Tyres to dispel the myths around fitting cold weather tyres to cars.

After a series of particularly harsh winters and with another predicted for this year, cold weather tyres – common in Germany and Eastern Europe – are becoming more popular in the UK.

Swinton surveyed its panel of insurers to find out if they consider fitting cold weather tyres to be a modification to the vehicle which would merit a rise in insurance premium.

All 10 of the major insurers on Swinton's panel said that they did not view cold weather tyres as a modification and would not raise the premium.

But they all recommended motorists should tell their insurers of any change, to ensure the new tyres complied with the manufacturer's specification.

Ageas, Aviva, Axa, Provident, Chaucer and RSA were among the insurers on the panel.

Mobility

Aviva encouraged fitting cold weather tyres since they improve mobility in poor conditions and perform better below 7°C.

Once the temperature drops below 7°C, the rubber on regular 'summer' tyres hardens, lessening their grip on the road.

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Steve Chelton, insurance development manager at Swinton said he was glad to see insurers were not penalising motorists for taking safety measures.

"Our panel of insurers has clarified that cold weather tyres shouldn't been seen as a modification when fitted to a vehicle so motorist shouldn't be worried about increased car insurance premiums, Mr Chelton said.

"However, we would advise always to check with your insurance provider to inform them of the change."

Michelle Fisher, brand manager for Goodyear Tyres said, "More and more motorists are beginning to fit cold weather tyres during colder months. Met Office statistics show that we can have up to 156 days between October and March below 7 degrees. It is at these temperatures that cold weather tyres provide optimum performance."

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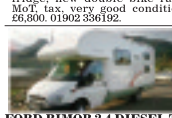

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THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 4 TO JUNCTION 3) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M5 Motorway in the County of Worcestershire and the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley to allow the installation of a safety fence, bridge repair work and the removal of narrow lanes following a road traffic collision.

The effect of the Order will be to close, at different times, -
(a) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 4 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 3;
(b) the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 4; and
(c) the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 3.

The work will be carried out overnight between 22:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Monday 17 October 2011 and last for six weeks. The Order will come into force on 10 October 2011.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures. Diversion routes will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Momataz Begum on 0121 6874183.

THE M5 AND M42 MOTORWAYS (M5 JUNCTION 3 TO JUNCTION 5; M42 JUNCTION 1 TO M5) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION AND PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M5 and M42 Motorways, in the County of Worcestershire and the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley to allow work to replace existing road lighting and barriers in the central reservation to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to -
(1) impose a 40 miles per hour speed restriction on -
  (a) the southbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 420 metres north of the centreline of Illey Lane overbridge to a point 585 metres south of the centreline of Rocky Lane overbridge;
  (b) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 320 metres south of the centreline of Fockbury Mill Lane overbridge to a point 680 metres north of the centreline of Frankley Green Lane underbridge;
  (c) the link roads leading -
    (i) from the southbound carriageway of the M5 to the eastbound carriageway of the M42, from its junction with the M5 to the centreline of Hinton Fields Farm overbridge;
    (ii) from the northbound carriageway of the M5 to the eastbound carriageway of the M42, from its junction with the M5 to the centreline of the M5 underbridge;
    (iii) from the westbound carriageway of the M42 to the northbound carriageway of the M5, from a point 300 metres south of the centreline of Rocky Lane overbridge to the junction with the M5; and
  (d) the slip roads leading to or from the northbound and southbound carriageways of the M5 at Junction 4;
(2) impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 680 metres north of the centreline of Frankley Green Lane underbridge to a point 50 metres north of the M5 Junction 3 southern overbridge;
(3) close, at different times -
  (a) the southbound carriageway of the M5 between its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 3 and its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 4;
  (b) the southbound carriageway of the M5 between its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 4 and its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 5;
  (c) the northbound carriageway of the M5 between its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 5 and its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 4;
  (d) the northbound carriageway of the M5 between its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 4 and its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 3;
  (e) the eastbound carriageway of the M42 between its junction with the link roads leading from the M5 to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 1;
  (f) the westbound carriageway of the M42 between its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 1 and its junction with the link roads leading to the M5;
  (g) the link roads leading to or from the M5 at its junction with the M42; and
  (h) the slip roads leading -
    (i) to the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 5;
    (ii) to or from the M5 at Junctions 3 and 4;
(4) close various lengths of the -
  (a) southbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 370 metres north of the centreline of the Frankley Green Lane underbridge to a point 585 metres south of the centreline of Rocky Lane overbridge;
  (b) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 270 metres north of the centreline of Fockbury Mill Lane overbridge to a point 370 metres north of Frankley Green Lane underbridge; and
  (c) the link roads described in (1)(c) (i) and (iii) above; and allow traffic to run on the hard shoulder; and
(5) prohibit vehicles with an overall width exceeding 2.75 metres from entering or proceeding in -
  (a) the southbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 370 metres north of the centreline of Frankley Green Lane underbridge to a point 585 metres south of the centreline of Rocky Lane overbridge;
  (b) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 600 metres south of the centreline of Rocky Lane overbridge to a point 370 metres north of Frankley Green Lane underbridge or
  (b) the link road described in 1(c)(iii) above

Work is expected to start on Monday 31 October 2011 and continue for five months. The Order will come into force on 25 October 2011.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes will be exempt from the speed restrictions, closures and width restrictions. Vehicles being used for special forces purposes will be exempt from the speed restrictions and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures and width restrictions.

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SECTION 26(1)(bb) OF THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949

SECTION 6(3A)(a) OF THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

THE MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS (APPROVED PREMISES) REGULATIONS 2005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PREMISES

THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SANDWELL

being the authority for the purposes of the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005, **HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that an application has been made by **Mrs Alison Hyatt** being the proprietor of premises situated and known as **Haden Hill House, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, West Midlands, B64 7JU** for the approval of those premises for the solemnisation of marriages in pursuance of Section 26(1)(bb) of the Marriage Act 1949 and the registration of Civil Partnerships in pursuance of Section 6(3A)(a) of The Civil Partnerships Act 2004.

The application, together with a plan of the premises which accompanied it, may be inspected at

Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

Between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00pm, and at

Sandwell Register Office, Highfields, High Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, between the hours of 9.30am and 4.30 pm (Monday to Friday).

Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of approval of such application, with reasons for the objection, within 21 days from the date of publication of the newspaper in which this notice appears.

Such notice of objection should be given to the Authority to:
Neeraj Sharma, Director of Legal and Governance Services, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 3DE
Ref: NS/AHR)

Dated 6th October 2011

J BRITTON, Chief Executive
On behalf of the Authority

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY AND FOOTBRIDGE LOCATED BETWEEN POUND ROAD AND RED HOUSE AVENUE, WEDNESBURY) ORDER 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any pedestrian from proceeding in a footpath leading from Red House Avenue over the footbridge to Pound Road.
2. The alternative route for pedestrians will be via Red House Avenue, Alma Street, Oxford Street, Paul Street, Hydes Road, Brunswick Park Road, Pound Road and vice versa.
3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate essential maintenance work to the footbridge.
4. The Order will take effect on 10th October 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 14th October 2011. However, the Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 6 months, unless extended for a longer period with the approval of the Secretary of State, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Chris Reynolds of Murphy Group on telephone number 0121 772 5528.

DATED this 6th day of October 2011

N SHARMA, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (WALSALL ROAD, WEST BROMWICH) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE, 20MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND GAP CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends,in accordance with the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from:-
   (a) proceeding in Walsall Road, West Bromwich, from its junction with Sandy Lane to its junction with Greenside Way
   (b) proceeding at a speed in excess of 20MPH in Walsall Road, West Bromwich, from its junction with Sandy Lane to its junction with Greenside Way
   (c) proceeding through the gap in the central reservation on Walsall Road, West Bromwich, immediately north of Ray Hall viaduct.
2. The alternative route for vehicles during the closure of Walsall Road will be as follows:-
   Southbound traffic will be diverted via West Bromwich Road, Broadway, Birmingham Road, Newton Road, Heath Lane and Walsall Road.
   Northbound traffic will be diverted via Walsall Road, Lyndhurst Road, Hollyhedge Road, Newton Road, Birmingham Road, Broadway and West Bromwich Road.
3. The purpose and reason for the Order is to facilitate repairs to the Ray Hall viaduct.
4. The Order will take effect on 17 October 2011, and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 2 July 2012. It is anticipated that the temporary restrictions will be operational as and when required only, with closures being at night only. However, the Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Any queries about the works to take place should be directed to Imran Khan of Amey on telephone number 0121 212 5142. Any queries about the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Keith Sansom, Highways Services Manager, Environment House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich, B70 8RU (Telephone 0121 569 4149).

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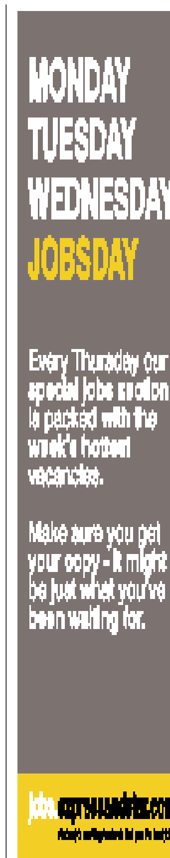

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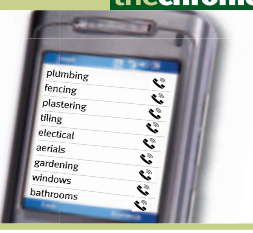

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Adam Simpkiss' corner finds its way into the net for Tividale against Loughborough

Tividale are denied by late spot-kick drama

TIVIDALE 2 LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY 2

A CONTROVERSIAL late penalty denied Tividale victory against Midland Alliance pacesetters Loughborough University.

After recovering from conceeding an own goal inside the first minute to lead 2-1 thanks to goals from Adam Simkiss and Brett Clarke, the home side's hopes were dashed when Daniel Delderfield netted from the spot in added time.

Tividale were stunned after just 40 seconds when a harmless looking cross from Delderfield was turned past the wrong-footed Tim Beech and into his own net by Derek Cole. To their credit, the hosts picked themselves up and began to pile pressure on the Loughborough defence.

On 10 minutes, captain Andy Parsons headed a free-kick back across goal only for Jukes to shoot over from 18 yards.

Kyle Hill wasted another chance two minutes later, while at the other end, a rare Loughborough attack resulted in Ryan Carolan shooting wide from the edge of the box.

The majority of the game continued to be played inside the visitors' half but Tividale were struggling to find the finishing touch in front of goal.

The closest they came was in the 24th minute when the impressive Adam Wattley hit a rising volley from 18 yards which was tipped over the bar by the Loughborough keeper Brendan Hazlett.

Hazlett was called into action again when he denied Adam Hill folllowing a neat Tividale move.

It was proving to be a frustrating time for the home side and in the 42nd minute Brett Clark had a shot blocked by Baxter when he looked likely to score and two minutes later Adam Hill, who had been calling the shots in midfield, suffered the same fate.

In the final minute of the half, Tividale finally made the breakthrough in bizarre circumstances.

An inswinging corner from Adam Simpkiss deceived goalkeeper Hazlett and the ball passed through his hands and into the net despite an attempted clearance from Ben Parry that clattered against the underside of the bar and bounced back into play. Referee Hardy was on the spot and awarded the goal without hesitation much to the delight of the Tividale supporters who were beginning to wonder if their team could find a way past a well organised and highly effective defence.

The second half started with Tividale, boosted by their late first half equaliser, applying constant pressure. The visitors, on the other hand, struggled to get the ball anywhere near the Tividale goal and keeper Beech could well have spent his time in a deck chair and enjoying the warm sunshine.

Fierce

Wattley almost gave the home side the lead with a fierce drive on 48 minutes and four minutes later the same player turned provider when he set up Clark only for the striker to fire wide.

Tividale's pressure was finally rewarded when Clark fired them in front just after the hour mark.

In a rare Loughborough attack, substitute Joel Kettle made a superb last-gasp tackle to deny Raul Alexis.

The hosts threatend again when Wattley sent in a wicked cross which saw goalkeeper Hazlett leave his goal line and dive bravely to beat Matt Jukes to the ball.

Hazlett then denied Kyle Hill before a flurry of Tividale pressure saw Adam and Kyle Hill shot just wide from good positions.

The game ended in controversial fashion when, in the second minute of additional time, Loughborough's Alexis fell as he attempted to go past Adam Hill and referee Hardy pointed to the penalty spot and then sent Hill off. Delderfield kept his cool as he calmly placed the ball high to Beech's left to make the final score 2-2.

Tonks' mega-throw pays dividend as Tipton get a share of the points

BOLDMERE 2 TIPTON TOWN 2

MIDLAND ALLIANCE outfit Tipton came from behind twice to grab a point and extend their unbeaten run to five games.

Tipton were on the front foot from the off with Jack Stone going close early on.

Youngster James Cooper impressed down the left for Tipton and proved a handful for Boldmere's Weller, who had an uncomfortable afternoon.

Tipton dominated in patches but always had the better chances with Cooper and Max Bissell both going close.

But the hosts went in front against the run of play on 20 minutes when Jakab worked space for a shot inside the Tipton area that ricocheted off a Tipton defender and fell kindly for Smith who slotted past Wes Cox.

The visitors responded immediately and were level a minute later when another excellent cross from Cooper was met by Mark Swann with a powerful header. The ball was diverted via a defender into the arms of Butler but as he collected the ball he stepped back into his own net and a goal was given.

Tipton dominated from then on and nearly added to their score when Leigh Downing struck the outside of the post.

Penalty

In the 40th minute, Tipton's good first-half work was squandered when Jakab moved into the area and was brought down by Richard Huckfield, who was booked for the challenge.

Jakab dusted himself down and the stepped up to slot home the penalty and put Boldmere ahead.

A more determined Tipton came out in the second half looking to keep their unbeaten run going.

With a few hefty tackles creeping into the game cautions were inevitable and Tipton's Huckfield and Jack Stone were both shown the yellow card.

Tipton were controlling the game as they stepped up their search for an equaliser.

The visitors made a double substituion in the 61st minute with Tom Tonks and Warren Brooks replacing Lewis Haycock and Bissell.

In previous games Tonks' throw-ins were always a threat and it proved the case in the 77th minute when his throw was headed on to Swann who half-volleyed the ball home.

A messy end to the game followed with Boldmere using spoiling tactics, while Tonks was dismissed for a second yellow card late on.

Tipton could have pinched all three points at the death when a corner caused panic in the Boldmere defence before the ball was scrambled clear.

Bs slide into bottom three

BUSTLEHOLME 2 SPORTING KHHALSA 4

BUSTLEHOLME found themselves back in the bottom three following another home defeat this time at the hands of Sporting Khalsa.

It turned out to be the classic game of two halves as Bustleholme came out the blocks the quicker of the sides.

Yet it took until the 40th minute to break the deadlock when a superb free-kick from Jamie Clews left the Khalsa keeper stranded.

Instead of kicking on Bustleholme seemed to be still in the dressing room as Khalsa hit two goals in in two minutes following the re-start.

Firstly, former Bustleholme striker Nicky Turton equalised on 53 and then Nicky Campbell gave the visitors the lead on 55.

Reece Cotterill increased Khalsa's lead on the hour and five minutes later the game was over as a contest when Mark Thomas hit the visitors' fourth.

With time running out a long punt from Bustleholme keeper Neil Page found Seb Craven who finished with a low drive. But it was too little to late for the hosts as Khalsa ran out worthy winners.

ASTON VILLA

Gabby to miss out

VILLA striker Gabriel Agbonlahor has revealed he was unable to declare his availability for England duty as he bids to resolve a recurring back problem.

The 24-year-old forward inspired Villa to a 2-0 win over Wigan at the weekend as he scored one goal and set another up for strike partner Darren Bent. It took Agbonlahor's tally to four goals in seven games but he confirmed he was unable to answer the call of his country because of injury.

"I got a text saying that I would be in contention (for England) but I want to get myself right," said Agbonlahor. "I've had a back problem and I've got to go and see a back specialist in London.

"Hopefully I'll get it fixed during the international break because it's been stopping me in games; I've been suffering with pains in my lower back. If I can get it sorted, I could be on fire."

Villa team-mate Bent, who has been named in Capello's squad, is pleased that he and Agbonlahor have been able to answer doubters who said that they could not function effectively as a pairing.

"There were people who said me and Gabby couldn't play together because we are too similar. Last season when I came I didn't really play with Gabby up front, he played wide left," said Bent.

"It seems to be working well playing us together and hopefully it will continue. I thought Gabby was fantastic at times. When you have someone with that kind of pace up front it makes the job easier."

Agbonlahor – missing England duty due to back problem

RUGBY UNION

BIRMINGHAM Barbarians (first team pictured above) put in a strong display against their near neighbours Aldorge, despite slipping to a 22-7 Midlands West North league defeat at their Moor Lane headquarters in Perry Barr.

Roy Fisher grabbed the Barbarians only try, converted by Lee Lamburn as the visitors ran in four tries in sweltering conditions.

The second XV came up against a strong Five Ways featuring several first team regulars and went down 21-35.

Leon Robinson, Matt Spencer and Martin Hardyman crossed the line for Barbars with skipper Dave Lawley converting all three tries.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

SANDWELL LIONS 74 HORSPATH 98

HORSPATH took the lead, and really were never in trouble from a patchwork Sandwell side.

It become a grudge matchwhen Jack Harrold and Lewis Osborne met in heat 16 and when they both came down on the first bend blows were exchanged. Both riders were shown the red card.

Captain Scott Millward top scored again for the Lions with 15 points.

Sandwell: Scott Millwall 15, Erol Thaw 11+1, Jamie Ball 10+2, Steve Brookes 10+1 Jack Harrod 9+1, Ricky Johnson 9, Simon Munden 9, Luke Brookes 1. Horspath: Paul Heard 17+2, Matt Szymczak 17, Lewis Osborne 16, Mark Carmichael 14+2, Chris Osborne 10+2, Sean Rudman 10+1, Mark Boaler 8, Chris Timms 6.

Sandwell II: Steve Brookes 9, Jack Rowley 9+1, Ryan Simkins 9, Dan Forbes 8+1, Luke Brookes 7+2, Josh Hill 7, Ryan Guest 4. Horspath II: Zak Payne 17+2, Wayne Clarke 16, Mark Coulter 15+2,Lee Clarke 13+2, Jordan Richardson 11+1, Pete Payne 5.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

BRANDHALL COLTS 8 WARLEY ALBION 0

DESPITE the score line, this local derby proved to be an exciting and competitive match played in hot conditions which provided huge entertainment in the autumnal sunshine.

The home side are flying high at the top end of the table, while Albion seem to be in free fall and heading to the bottom of division three. Albion have been hit with illness and injury in recent weeks and this week was no exception. Natty Standen (head injury) and Reece Gorman (hip) were side lined while Ben Whittall and Joe Anderson were absent due to family commitments. This meant Albion had to field just 10 players and had to start with nine because one player's mother had a problem with her sat-nav.

The home side made the most of their two man advantage and Brandhall's Jack Long had the ball in the back of the net three times in the first 15 minutes to register his hat trick.

Rio Cameron settled the Warley side and Bradyn Berridge, Cameron Simpson and Marcus Morris battled bravely to break up several attacks by the home side. However, all of their hard work took its toll in the conditions and a brief lapse in concentration allowed Joe Snipe in unmarked to guide the ball past Jack Graham, the Warley keeper.

The second half saw Albion try to change things with some re-jigging by asking James Hill to drop into midfield and Shazad Miah to move up front. The tactical swap around seemed to pay off in the opening 10 minutes and Warley battled hard in midfield but the home side found the back of the net twice more when Joe Snipe completed his hat trick. Harry Withers, Joe Roberts and Danny Daly linked up well to make the home side work for the win, but two more goals for Colts by Jay Lawson and Daniel Harvey, meant that the Albion suffered their heaviest defeat all season.

Stand in manager Jake Kidson said after the game: "I'm really proud of them. They played really well and the referee just said that he thought we'd played with real spirit in the manner which the game should be played."

WILLENHALL 2 WEDNESBURY RANGERS 2

In the Bilston League Premier Division for under-15s, Willenhall took an early lead and then Wednesbury equalized though-Henry and then Willenhall went 2 -1 up right on half time.

In the second half Wednesbury battled back with a well-deserved equalizer through Whitcombe who levelled with a close range effort.

Bustleholme Villa at Specsavers with their new kit

Team glad they had gone to Specsavers

UNDER-14s football team Bustleholme Villa have opticians Specsavers of West Bromwich to thank for their kit for the new season.

Shop Manager Chris Heap said: "This year we at Specsavers are celebrating our 50th year and we are always looking to help the local community.

"When I was approached about donating the £500 for the kit I thought it was a great idea."

Villa manager Mike Westwood said: "The lads had out grown their previous kit and we were desperate for a new one, we can't thank Specsavers enough."

Bustleholme Villa have won the Walsall League for the last two seasons and are now in the Bilston League and will be hoping for similar success,

Young citizens organise tournament

TEENAGERS staged a football tournament as part of the new National Citizens Service (NCS). The 23 young people from Sandwell and Walsall have gained a range of new skills and qualifications to help them make a positive impact in their own communities by staging events.

The youngsters, among the first in the country to join the national community empowerment initiative, invited young people from across the region to enter teams in a tournament at Friar Park, Sandwell.

They were supported by coaches from Pertemps Coachright, and local police officers and PCSOs. West Midlands Police's Police Property Act Fund made a donation of £3,470 to Pertemps Coachright to support the event, paying for trophies and the hire of pitches and other expenses. The donation also covered other events the NCS youngsters were involved in. The PPA Fund is funded by the auctioning of property that has not been claimed within 12 months.

Steve Binns (left) and Danny Baldwin (right) of Pertemps Coachright, join Chief Inspector Mandy Platt and footballers (from left) Lloyd Cooper, Bradley Lowe, Mitchell Magher and Jack Martin, at the tournament in Friar Park, Wednesbury, organised by National Citizens Service youngsters

Steve Binns, of Pertemps Coachright, said: "The tournament was the culmination of all the hard work by the young people involved in the National Citizens Service. It was a fantastic success and it was great to see so many young people getting together and enjoying an event organised by their peers."

The NCS team organised team recruitment, fixtures, refereeing, registering players, and presentation of trophies. Teams came from Yew Tree estate in Walsall and Friar Park in Wednesbury.

At the start of the summer Pertemps Coachright brought together the group of young people, aged 15 and 16, to help develop their skills and prepare them for delivering social action programmes back into their own communities. They took part in a wide range of activities, including two residential courses, as part of the NCS Catch 22 partnership - one of 12 NCS pilot schemes nationally.

All the participants gained their sports leader qualifications and many have already started to plan activities which will make a difference to other young people in their own communities.

sport

Teenagers from Sandwell and Walsall staged their own football tournament at Friar Park with help from the police and community support officers and also from coaches from Pertemps Coachright – see inside for the report

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Sunderland (2)	2	Baggies (2)	2
Bendtner 24 Elmohamady 26 Att 34,815		Morrison 4 Long 5	

MATCH STATS

55%	Possession	45%
6 (5/1)	Shots on target	(3/0) 3
5 (2/3)	Shots off target	(3/1) 4
0 (0/0)	Offsides	(0/2) 2
9 (2/7)	Fouls	(5/8) 13
7 (3/4)	Corners	(4/0) 4
2	Yellow Cards	0
0	Red Cards	0

REFEREE: Lee Mason (Lancashire).

SUNDERLAND PLAYER STATS

22	Mignolet	(1 Catch) ✔1
16	O'Shea	4 ☞2
5	Brown	1 ✣1 ✖1 ✔2
4	Turner	4 ✖1
11	Richardson	➡1 1 ✔1
27	Elmohamady	★2 ✣1 ✖1 ☞2
8	Gardner	★1 ✣2 ✖1 ✔1 ☞1
6	Cattermole	✖2 ✔1
7	Larsson	☞7
28	Sessegnon	✣1 ✔5
52	Bendtner	★3 ✖3 ✔2 ☞1

subs: 14 Colback ☞1 for 6 **[70 mins], 17 Ji** for 27 **[82 mins], 18 Meyler** for 8 **[90 mins], not used: 20 Westwood, 23 McClean, 26 Cook, 40 Laing**

BAGGIES PLAYER STATS

1	Foster	(4 Catch 1 Block)
12	Reid	2 ✔2 ☞5
23	McAuley	✣1 ✖2
3	Olsson	1 ✖4 ✔2 ☞1
20	Shorey	2 ✔1 ☞2
11	Brunt	✣2 ✖1 ☞1
21	Mulumbu	1 ✖3
17	Dorrans	✖1 ☞1
7	Morrison	★2 ✣1
24	Odemwingie	✖2 ✔1 ◆2 ☞1
9	Long	★1 ✔2 ☞1

subs: 14 Thomas for 17 **[88 mins], 33 Scharner** ✔1 for 21 **[74 mins], not used: 13 Fulop, 5 Tchoyi, 28 Jones, 30 Tamas, 31 Cox**

Key to reading the player stats: ➡ defensive block 2 defensive clearance ★ shot on target ✣ shot off target ✖ Fouls committed ✔ Free-kicks won ◆ Caught offside ☞ Crosses

League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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Man City	7	3	0	0	9	0	3	1	0	14	5	19
Chelsea	7	3	0	0	9	3	2	1	1	8	5	16
Newcastle	7	2	1	0	5	2	2	2	0	4	2	15
Liverpool	7	2	1	0	6	3	2	0	2	4	5	13
Tottenham	6	2	0	1	7	6	2	0	1	4	4	12
Aston Villa	7	2	2	0	6	2	0	3	0	3	3	11
Stoke	7	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	7	9
Norwich	7	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	4	7	8
Swansea	7	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	3	1	9	8
QPR	7	0	2	1	1	5	2	0	2	4	8	8
Fulham	7	1	3	0	9	3	0	1	2	1	4	7
Everton	6	1	1	2	5	6	1	0	1	1	2	7
Wolverhampton	7	1	0	3	3	7	1	1	1	3	3	7
Arsenal	7	2	0	1	4	2	0	1	3	6	14	7
Sunderland	7	1	1	2	7	5	0	2	1	2	3	6
WEST BROM	**7**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**4**	**7**	**5**
Wigan	7	1	1	1	4	3	0	1	3	1	8	5
Blackburn	7	1	0	3	5	10	0	1	2	3	7	4
Bolton	7	0	0	4	4	15	1	0	2	5	6	3

Baggies sharp-shooter Shane Long coolly slots home past Sunderland keeper Simon Mignolet to put his side two-up at the Stadium of Light

Baggies bury seeds of doubt

SUNDERLAND 2
ALBION 2

MIGHTY oaks from little acorns grow.

So Roy Hodgson boarded his flight home from Wearside hoping Albion had laid the seeds for greater things.

A point gleaned from a 2-0 lead left the Baggies and their travelling fans unsure quite how to feel when the curtain came down on an odd 90 minutes at the Stadium of Light. But Hodgson and his staff will be crossing their fingers that the good things that came from a mixed day in the north east will prove the basis for growth when the players return from the international break for an intriguing Black Country derby.

Albion still have a way to go to rediscover the form that powered them to safety at the end of last season. But a day of ups and downs in the sunny north at least offered a little hope that the springtime spark that brought the Baggies another season in the Premier League is still burning not too far below the surface.

While Hodgson, his players and their travelling fans will reflect on a potential victory that went begging, there were signs of improvement that will encourage all concerned as they start the countdown to the meeting with their bitterest rivals.

As Hodgson attempts to marry defensive improvements with his team's natural attacking instincts, he knows there remains work to do.

Yet at times on Saturday his team at least offered moments of encouragement that they are moving in the right direction.

A fragmented and fraught opening to his first full campaign in charge has made it tough for fans to assess Hodgson and his players' performance so far.

On one hand, they are out of the bottom three after an opening seven matches that included four away fixtures, meetings with last season's top two teams and a clash with the Baggies' perennial nemesis. On the other, their displays against the Premier League's lesser lights have lacked the kind of sparkle that supporters hoped to see following a stirring end to last season.

While Blackburn have kicked off the season in chaos and Newcastle have exceeded all expectations, Hodgson and Co have made a start best described as 'fair to middling'.

Things could have been worse, but they might have been considerably better. And last season's swagger has proved difficult to recreate against a backdrop of expectations that soared a little too high during a summer of understandable excitement.

So while attacking cohesion returned only in fits and starts against Steve Bruce's under-pressure Mackems, it at least provided some signs that Hodgson's men have not forgotten how to pass and move.

They were 2-0 ahead before the game had settled into a pattern thanks to James Morrison's fourth-minute header from Chris Brunt's free-kick and Shane Long's cool finish from Peter Odemwingie's instinctive pass a minute later.

The Black Cats were rocking and at times the Baggies moved the ball with a confidence they have rarely shown this term. Had Odemwingie spotted Graham Dorrans' darting run soon after the second goal, the Scot might have capped a neat break with a killer third.

Ragged

But the visitors' neat approach play still lacked an incisive final pass too often while their defending before half-time was as ragged as at any time this term.

When they backed off Stephane Sessegnon on 24 minutes and Nicklas Bendtner's shot deflected past Ben Foster, it muted the fans' revolt that was threatening to engulf the misfiring home side. It created a ripple of fresh belief that was enough for Bendtner to drift wide and pick out former Baggies target Ahmed Elmohamady to head in a 26th-minute equaliser. With Bendtner and Sessegnon asking constant questions and Sunderland's tails up, the Baggies might have folded, so Hodgson will have taken satisfaction from seeing them batten down the hatches and go close when Gareth McAuley headed just wide from a Brunt corner.

The hosts had the best chance of the second half when Foster denied Elmohamady early on but the Baggies had their moments too and a better touch from Odemwingie to control Brunt's chip would have taken him clear. Instead, both sides had to settle for a point that Albion will hope proves a catalyst for further improving.

TALKING POINT

DORRANS OR SCHARNER: Albion return to action in ten days' time in the Black Country derby with Roy Hodgson again facing a selection dilemma surrounding his midfield options.

And one of the main questions concerns who should partner reigning player of the year Youssouf Mulumbu at the heart of his midfield.

Graham Dorrans started at Sunderland and he found it hard-going but he certainly has the ability to unlock a defence from a central role – while Scharner has not hit top form this term but gives more power and height to the role. So will Hodgson go for the Scot's flare or the Austrian's energy for the heat of derby-day?

Next three games

WOLVES (H) OCT 16
Both sides will head into derby day anxious for a victory to kick-start their campaign, which will add to the usual tension.

VILLA (A) OCT 22
Having ended their Villa hoodoo at the end of last season, can Albion make it even better and beat their rivals away from home?

LIVERPOOL (H) OCT 29
Roy Hodgson will look to repeat last season's memorable Hawthorns win against his former club, who are a much-changed side.

Shane will be a bargain in Long run

ALBION boss Roy Hodgson says Shane Long could still be three years from his peak but has tipped the striker to emerge as bargain of the year.

The Ireland international took his goals tally to three in seven Baggies games when he scored again in Saturday's 2-2 draw at Sunderland.

Hurling

And Hodgson believes the 24-year-old could become a huge bargain after the Baggies paid around £4.5 million initially to sign him up from Reading in the summer.

"He was outstanding (on Saturday), he really was," said a delighted Hodgson.

"Shane came from Ireland where he was hurling at the age of 17. He's gone to Reading, become an international, become a star player, got into the Premier League – it's a meteoric rise really.

"He's started very late and is still new to the game.

"He got off to a flying start against Manchester United but on Saturday his overall play was very good.

Outstanding

"He was a threat in front and behind defenders and his work rate was outstanding.

"We thought this lad had potential – and we're still talking about potential. I think in three years time, when he's played lots of games, then I'm sure a decision will be formed on whether he is a top Premier League performer or not.

"I was delighted with his performance.

"We didn't pay much for him at all.

"It was, in my opinion, potentially the bargain of the year."

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